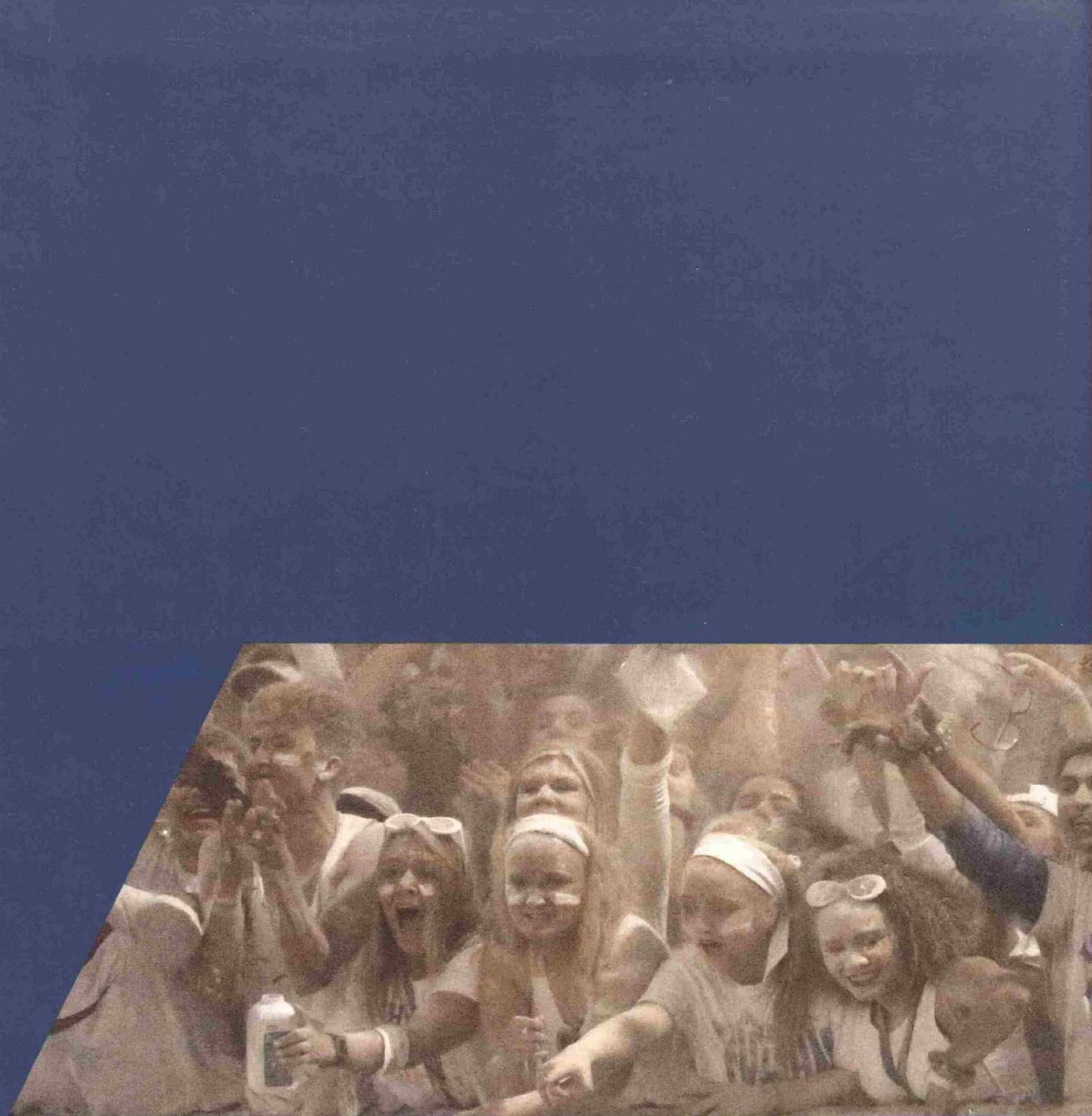




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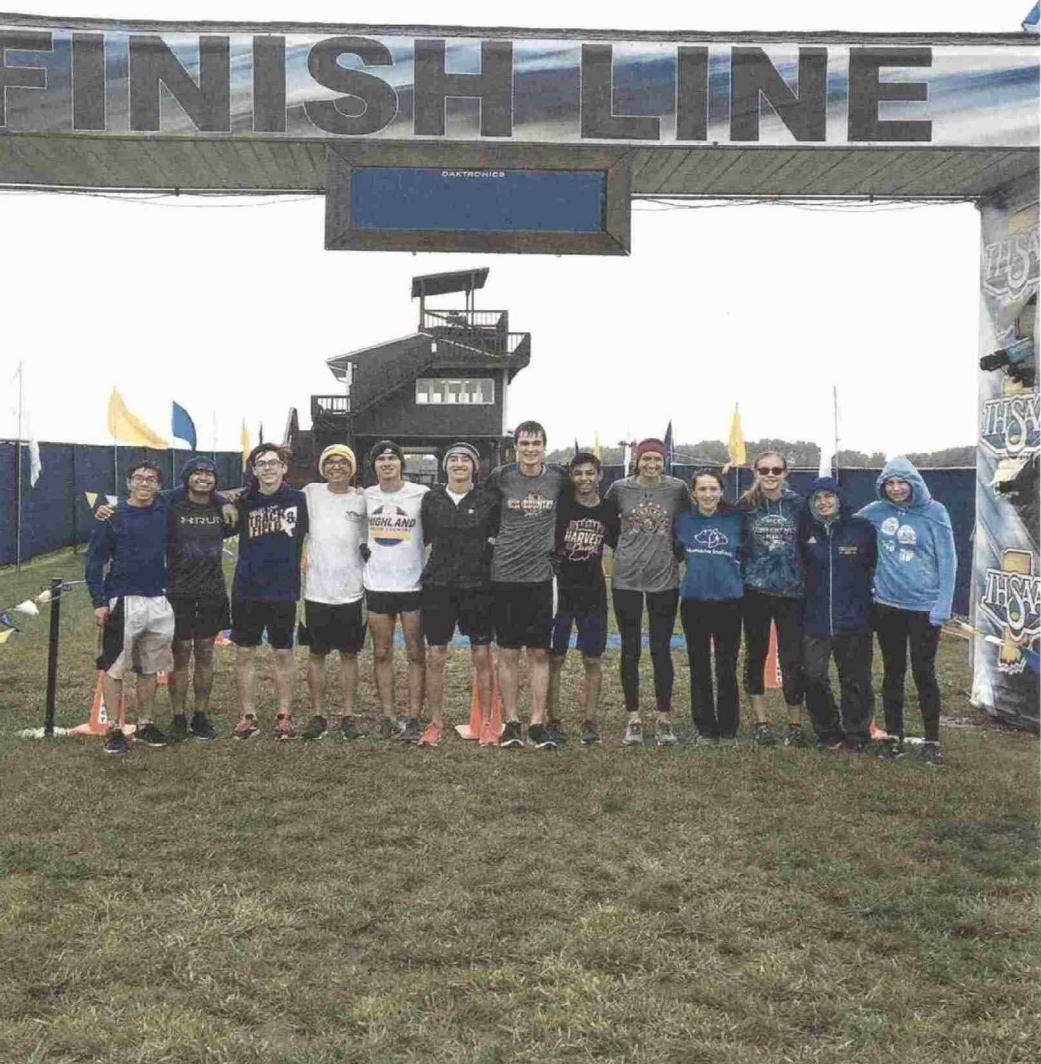


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Seniors: 283

Juniors: 283

Sophomores: 278

Freshmen: 278

Staff: 113



Heading back to Terre Haute, the Boys Cross Country team made their way back to state for the first time since Fall of 1970 and accompanied by Grace Aurand (11) as an individual for the girls team.

By working to increase school spirit, the student section was large and full of excitement at most sporting events. **In an intense game** Conner Olah (11) returned a recovered ball back into the field of play to his teammates.



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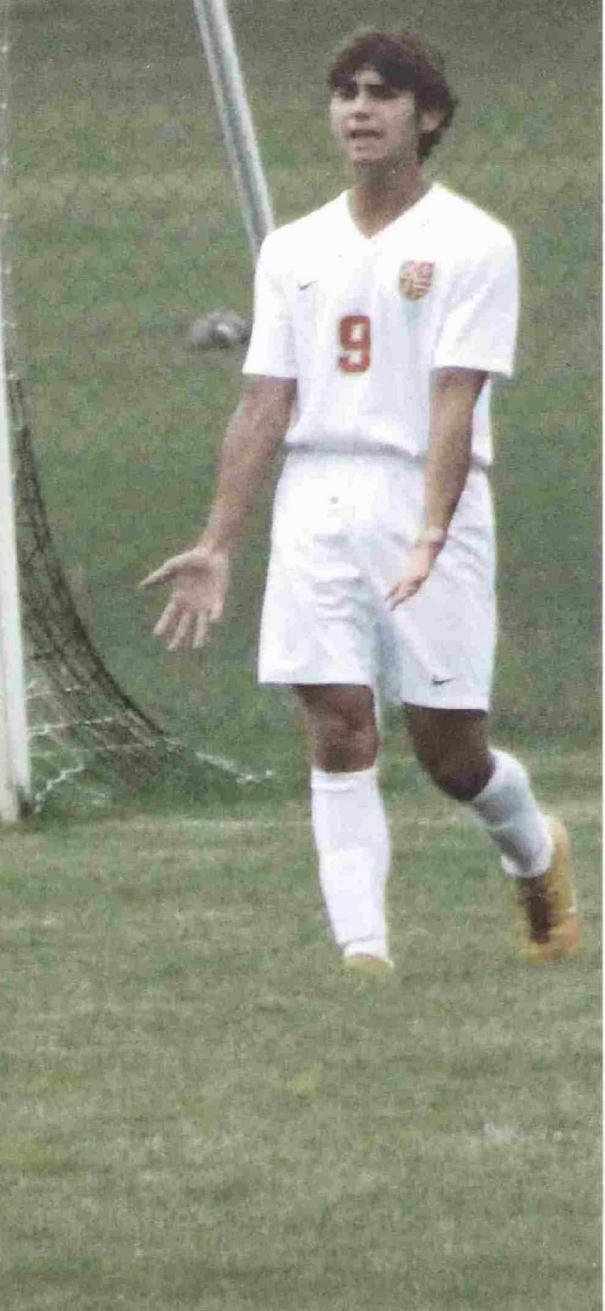
Scooping up the excitement,
Trevor Young (10) and Dane
Richardson (10) celebrated a
scored goal in a bold way
against conference foe, the
Andean Fifty-Niners.

ONE OF SIX IN LAKE COUNTY Takes the Lilly

Bold can mean different things for different people, as well as how they express themselves. When it comes to our students, each one stands out in their own ways.



The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, commonly called the Lilly Scholarship, is a scholarship granted to students for a full tuition to any Indiana school for four years. This scholarship is highly competitive. In order to achieve this award students must first apply through essay submissions, then from there can be chosen to take a series of interviews over the course of a few days, and the whole process itself can take over 2 months. Senior year comes with stress: the battle of senioritis, applying to colleges, applying for scholarships, staying active in sports and extracurriculars, and much more. Despite the pressure of preparing for the future, Meet Patel (12) maintained a calm and collected persona as he continued to excel and earn himself such a valuable scholarship in the process. **Winning the jackpot,** Patel was given a bouquet of lilies to share the news that he was one of six in Lake County to earn the Lilly Endowment Scholarship.



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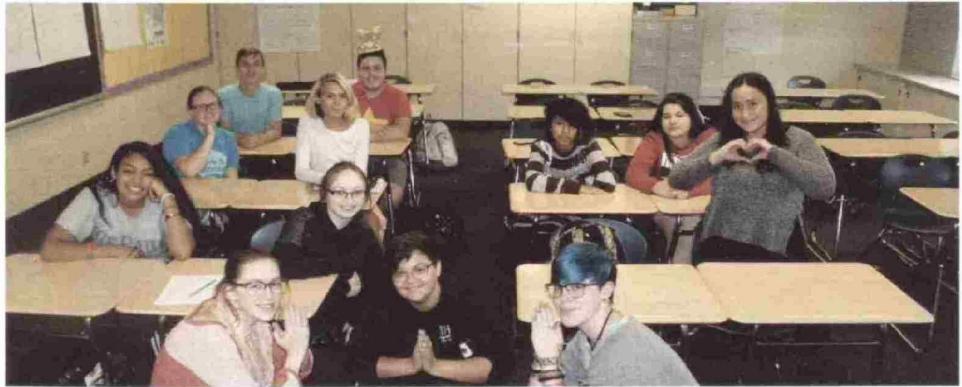
Take risks, be confident and be courageous. That is what it means to be a Highland Trojan.

To show everyone what we are capable of when the cards are thrown down and our backs against the wall.

We rise up and prove that we can build some of the best memories that we could ever create in just our high school years. It is all possible not just through the trust we forge through sports with teammates, but the friendships that we can build from the moment we walk through the doors as freshman to the inevitable day that we leave after graduation.

We are, and have always been, more than just a school; we are a family that stands up for each other through thick and thin. We are Trojans, and we are proud to be here.

SAGA Helps Individuals feel Bold



SAGA (Straight and Gay Alliance), a club where anyone is welcome, is our school's very own embodiment of BOLD. Compared to other surrounding schools, ours is different because we were permitted this club. We have had students find a home and family within this accepting community. There were many that would say that without this club their high school experience would be drastically different. The group of students were from a vast range of backgrounds, communities, sexualities, and genders but each one was loving and accepting to everyone. SAGA was also very avid in promoting positive mental health. Eris Grubb (11) said, "SAGA does team bonding that helps everyone slowly come out of their shells. Whether you are gay, straight, bisexual or transgender everyone has a home when you walk through club sponsor, Ms. Cynthia Auburn's, doors." c walter



Twisting into Oz, Aylin Chavez (11) portrayed the Wizard of Oz in a new routine for the Sapphires at the Community Pep Rally prior to the Homecoming Game. After a long night on the field working towards a victory, Brandon Phillips (12) greeted the fans with excitement when the Trojans pulled off a field goal to claim a 20-19 win against the Kankakee Valley Cougars. Paying special attention to the chosen theme, Kiley Elbaor (12) participated in the heat of Hawaii with florals and an aloha to the entire community of Highland.



We Live to support the Trojans!

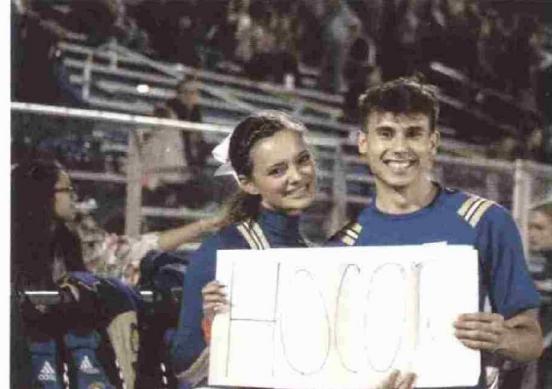
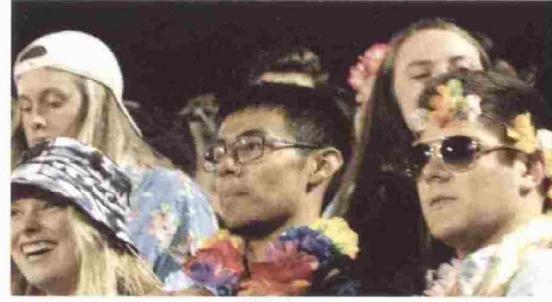
Decked out in her best Christmas dress, Bridget Kuemmeth (10) smiled into the camera while stopping her casual passing period coloring. Dressed up to show Highland spirit Katelin Sears (10) and Shyille Carter (10) smiled and displayed their very own versions of ugly Christmas sweaters for their chance to win a \$25 gift card sponsored by Student Council.



BLUE

School Spirit at its finest

Seeing the team win against Munster led Na'Jee Baker (12) to literally flip with excitement when congratulating the Boys Soccer team for their victory. Just before the final home competition of the season, Drum Major, Sierra Laviolette (12) saluted the audience to indicate the start of Twisted performed by Highland's Marching Trojan Pride.



Seeing the team win was a good reason for the Party in the USA celebration in the stands. In the hope of warm weather, Garan Grider (11), Michaela Schmidt (12), Evan Hess (12), Leah Bonior (10), Lee Smith (12) and Arianna Dmytriw (11) dressed in Hawaiian gear. Looking for a homecoming date, Joseph Kerber (11) found a cheerful date in Rebecca Fenes (12) during the game.



Working on motivating the players on the court, Payton Walker (12), Lexus Spinato (11) and Jordyn Dooley (12) spread school spirit with their cheers. Before going out to Oz, Lexus Spinato (11), Nathaniel Taillon (12), Gloria Linkiewicz (12), Cloe Schipper (11), Joseph Kerber (11) and Katherine Brankin (11) were chosen by Student Council to set the stage for the outdoor pep rally and parade.



Ready to go, the football team charged through the poster and line of cheerleaders and Sapphires onto the field in order to start the game.

LEADERS LEAD

What defines a leader and what practices do you exhibit that develop and share your skills?



"I think a drum major has to be a really strong leader, be really confident in themselves, just be really kind towards others, and be prepared to handle a lot of pressure. I feel like I was a really successful drum major. I became a drum major because I wanted to make an impact on younger kids in my band the same way that seniors made an impact on me when I was a freshman."

Jillian Parsley (11)



"You should be able to be someone that people can look to for help and be able to resolve conflict and help those in need of help. That is what a drum major has to do. I think I have these qualities considering I was chosen to be one. [Drum majors] keep the band together. You have to give time to the band, you have to be able and willing to help set up events and help clean up."

Sierra Laviolette (12)



"A good leader must possess qualities of empathy, honesty, courage, justice and compassion. I strive to this. I rely on the wisdom of 35 years in the profession to guide me but I am a human being and certainly imperfect."

Dr. Patrick Weil (Principal)

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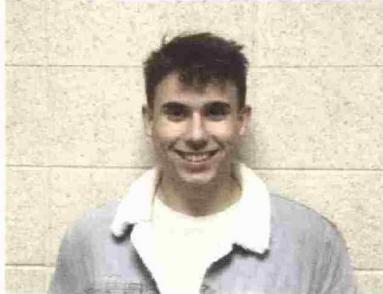
Individuals Make an Impact

You are one of 1,122 students walking the halls. What way do you choose to go? How do you make your path for your school year and even your future?

The hallways are packed with over eleven hundred students every single passing period. The students gather in the corners, stairwells and intersections causing difficulties in passing through. Yet, if you step back and look each of the individuals that either create the mass or weasel their way through.

Creating a commotion for attention, certain students use their voices to be heard by their peers. Others carry themselves with confidence and attention is drawn to them by just their physical appearance. For example, Andrew McCoy (10) was dressed elaborately for Ugly Christmas Sweater day, and used his candy cane attachments to make an impact during passing period.

Whether the impact is noticed by the masses, or a silent unnoticed form missed by many our students make their way through their day on their own accord. You choose which way you want to go, and the path back to correct your mistakes. You make an impact with the way you live your life. For you, for others surrounding you, for your future, and for others to use as an example for their own." *d.mendoza*



"I believe that I represent a small group of people that do what they aspire to be. There are always certain standards that society puts on people. Being the only male cheerleader on the team and in the past twenty years, I definitely believe I break those standards. I do serve as an inspiration not only for people who would like to cheer but also for people who would like to do something they originally thought they weren't allowed to."

Joseph Kerber (11)



"I believe [leading the student section] makes me a leader because people listen to what I am saying, a lot of people agree on what cheers and what to do. People like to cheer when I am around. The student section gives students an opportunity to come out to the games more often and give our school more support. I think a leader is someone who is strong mentally and capable of going and taking things and making it bigger, more ecstatic. I'm just loud, obnoxious, and goofy and people like loud obnoxious and goofy."

Gavin Holder (12)



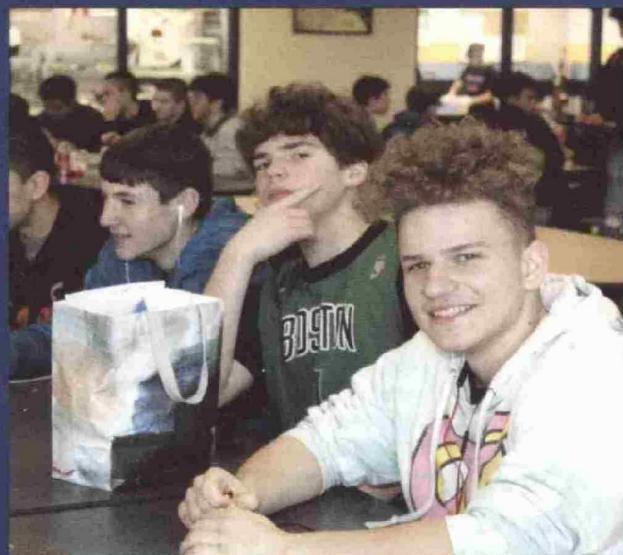
"Empathy and communication are both important in being a leader because good leaders must be able to understand the thoughts and feelings of others, especially during times of struggle. I hope that my actions will inspire others to be kind and understanding when faced with adversity. Being able to communicate and work effectively with others is important in the real world, and I am still improving."

Ms. Molly Waegner (English)



Be Bold Enough to Stand Out

While enjoying the Environmental Science field trip, Paige Hays (12), Kayley Bickham (11), Sarah Munsie (12) and Hannah Johnson (12) realized that the fall weather was a bit colder than summer months on the beach. In an intense game Joseph Opitz (9) ran his route while the offense moved the ball up field. To add a little fun to the fundraiser for the Highland Fire Department, Mr. Andrew Locke, Assistant Principal ran a lap around the track in full fire gear. While taking a breather from their classes, Corbin Anderson (10), James Rhoten (10) and Ethan Litavec (10) enjoyed some conversation with friends in the cafeteria during lunch.



BOLD

Shield

Over the Years

"Exploding with the freshness of youth, sounds surge through the halls of Highland High. A murmur of excitement prevails, but within are cries of pain, sighs of relief, and cheers of happiness. ... Nothing superficial, nothing rehearsed, these are genuine SOUNDS OF YOUTH."

Shield, Volume 10



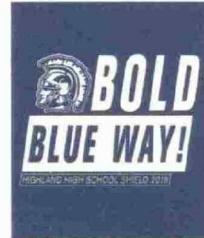
"There's so much more to high school than just going through classes and getting a grade. All of these things are important to letting us be who we really are. Our involvement and how we spend our extra time are important in helping us grow."

Shield, Volume 20



SHIELD, Volume 1

The initial installment of Shield opened with, "[Highland High School] was not a four-year high school with experience and tradition behind us, whatever we accomplished was ours. We had nothing to look back on and everything to attain in the future." That statement written by Kay Johnson (Class of 1960) Editor-in-Chief who helped start the tradition of a yearbook for Highland High School. Vol. 1 went on to share not only information on the development of the structure, but the foundation of the traditions that continue to embody our school and community today.



SHIELD, Volume 60

In its sixtieth year, Shield has seen advancements in technology, photography and more. While Herff Jones is still our printing company, the production side has changed with leaps and bounds over the years. With digital film and a web design based program, it is still time consuming with "preparation and planning, of exhausting work, short tempers, long nights," as Johnson stated in her closing remarks in Vol. 1. The structure of the building has changed as have the administration and students.

One thing remains though, we are a family. A Highland family.



What History Will We Leave?



"The Munster football game when we won the Battle of the Bridge for the first time in thirteen years is something that will be remembered in the future."

Waleed Subuh (11)



"Finally winning the trophy for the Battle of the Bridge back was a moment I'm glad I was able to experience on the sidelines."

Kaitlyn Brandon (11)



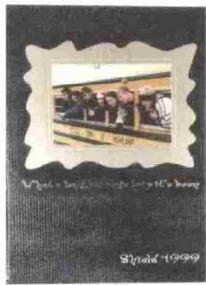
"The senior benches in the commons were taken out because of a prank purpose."

Jeremiah Carter (12)



"We can make the choice between clinging to the branch or leaping into the crystal lake. We have the power to change the world... On the edge we stand, with the visions of a new beginning, for WE'VE GOT THE EDGE."

Shield, Volume 30



"It's a trip unlike any other and one you'll remember for years to come. There will be plenty of surprises, unexpected turns, and bumps along the way. You'll never be able to go back, but your memories of this long, strange trip will last a lifetime."

Shield, Volume 40



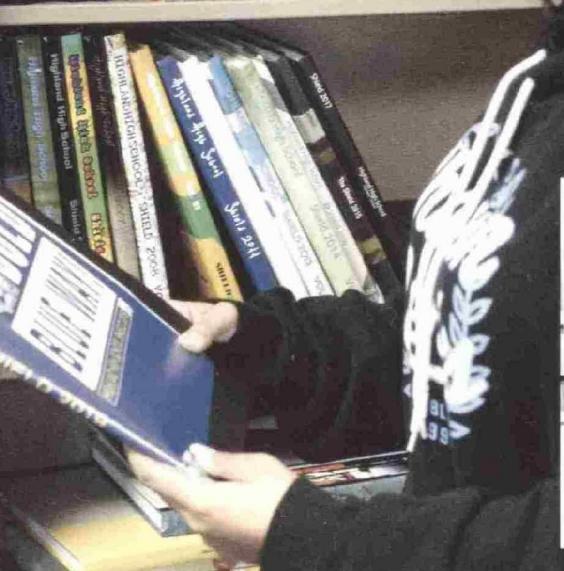
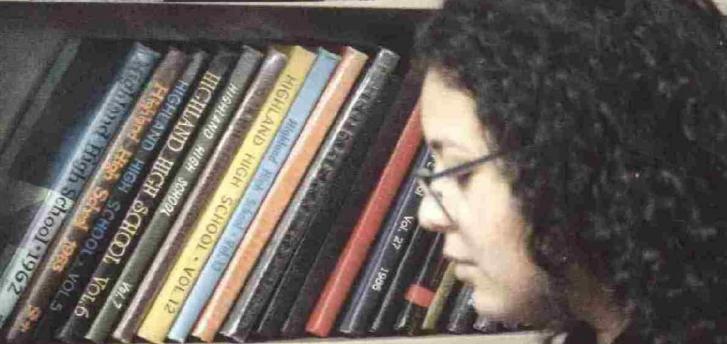
"It is uncertain if any of us have an idea of what the future may hold or what we will encounter on a daily basis. There is always something that doesn't go as planned, whether it is good or bad. Regardless there is something out there for everyone."

Shield, Volume 50



Leisure time is still a rare occasion for Sheild staffers as was during Volume 10. **Despite their efforts** editing page design is still a tedious effort for staffers such as Khyree Brooks (11) and David Mendoza (12) as was in Volume 45. "The experience of yearbook holds valuable

personal gains and countless happy memories for staff members, and the finished product as something they will be proud of for years to come," Volume 2. **Editor-in-Chief**, Dalilah Vaquera faced the stressors with an open mind and a strong work ethic.



Shield The History

Years of being a class or a club, Shield has seen changes over the years, but always carried on. Sixty volumes printed and produced through the years of film photography to digital, it's always been a new experience.

Mr. Dean Seicher was the first adviser for Shield in Highland High School's third year of existence. With a staff that met in the J-room, they produced a yearbook documenting the historical beginning of Highland High School. While the deadlines were still frantic into the 70's, 80's, 90's and 2000's there was a solid consensus between all Shield Staffs from the beginning to now. Editor-in-Chief of Volume 47, Kimmie Lindsey said, "I definitely wouldn't have been able to do it without you." Staffs of each year united together to provide their peers with a book to look back on and remember each of their high school years. Whether it was showcasing how we are "Out of Our Minds" in '91, or celebrating "This Point in Time" in '05, Shield shared the moments that will forever be in print. In this anniversary edition, we share the "Bold Blue Way" we carry on tradition, and lead the way down new paths traveled. *d. mendoza*

Through the Years

1959 Highland High School built
1960 First Graduating Class
1965 Addition of 9 New Classrooms & Cafeteria Expansion
1968 Fire on Christmas Day
1969 Two Story, Field House & Pool built
1971 Auditorium built
1973 Teacher Strike
1974 Peak Enrollment (2,475 students)
1979 Old Link Was Built
1982 Football Undefeated
1983 New Football Field
1985 Last Powder Puff Game
1987 Football State Finals
1989 Zip Syputt Football Field Named
1990 Wicker Park Manor Flood
1992 Sectional Basketball Champs
1993 Building Renovation Completed (Refiguration of classes, new pool)
1995 Final Outdoor Graduation Ceremony
1996 First Indoor Graduation in Fieldhouse
1999 Auditorium Air Conditioned
2000 First Graduation Ceremony in Auditorium
2003 September 11th Memorial Gifted
2006 Highland Flood
2008 Little Calumet River Flooded
2015 Hard Lock Down
2015 Cell Phones Allowed During Passing Periods
2017 HVAC Replacement
2017 1:1 Initiative with Apple iPads
2018 New Fieldhouse Floor



A quick sweeping of the gym floor after the removal of the wooden panels revealed the black concrete and marked one step closer to the finishing of construction. At the tournament in Mishawaka, Highland High School's first robotic club represented the school as Trojan Thunder. Proudly sporting their parent's lettermen jackets, Ethin Orban (10) and Ciarra Kline (10) displayed a part of their family's history at Highland.



Get Involved

What was your favorite extra curricular activity that you participated in?



"My favorite extra curricular activity is a debate between band and volleyball. If I had to choose between the 2, it would be band. The reason I love band is because there's so many opportunities in band. Not only musicianship wise but friendship wise because of the many people you can meet with the same interests as you. Athletic wise it would be volleyball as well because you meet so many other types of girls that are in the program, have a close bond with them makes it really fun to play."

Kailyn Butler (10)

THE

A Different HHS

When the doors opened on Erie Street life, expectations and education were different. Decades later, we are still Highland.



After completing a long process of construction on the gymnasium, the east end bleachers had been removed and created an open space, perfect for volleyball. Uplifted floor panels and concrete covered the remainder of the gymnasium floor during the process of floor renovation.



High school years are a very memorable time in a person's life. As the years go by, many of us will remember exactly how things were: the classrooms, the teachers, the activities, the fun, and so much more. Later to find out that things will never be the same as we experienced it.

Renovations, updating, and new products will have an impact on how it will look in the future compared to what our view was.

In the beginning and through the 90's, the school was different than it is now. The building has been reconfigured with updates that took place in the late 60's and again in the 90's. Chalk boards were on the walls in every classroom and chalk was the only means of writing on them. Overhead projectors were used to display information on white pull-down screens so the whole class could see the information at one time. Textbooks, notebooks, paper, and pencils were the tools used for doing schoolwork. Most people did not own computers since they were heavy and expensive. Internet slowly took the place of dictionaries and encyclopedias. Google did not exist. There were no cell phones. The school enrollment is more than half of what it was in 1974. It is almost difficult to imagine some of the changes that have transpired over time to get us to where we are now.

Many changes have taken place since the very beginning of Highland High School.

It has been just over 60 years since our beloved school became a reality, and much has changed since that very first day. In 25 or even 50 years, will you be able to remember what it looked like? Highland High School has come a long way, a Bold Blue Way that allowed us the experiences we have been blessed with. *j oconnor*

V & NOW



"The active twitter feed united everyone, and it brought different groups of students who wouldn't normally interact together into a more inclusive environment to support each other as one school." Kyla Baker (10)



"The student section helped me perform better because I wasn't just playing for myself. I was playing for the school, but everyone else there supporting me and my teammates." Dawson Curtis (11)



"The image for the school is better because Twitter is active with posts about rehearsals and spirit weeks. Congratulations messages were shared so that the community could see our accomplishments as individuals." Cristina Franco (9)



"Student morale was boosted by one person's actions leading to others in a positive way. If you know that you have good people behind you cheering you on it makes all the work you put in easy to complete as an athlete." Connor Behary (10)



"It inspired students to become more involved in student activities because we are a growing community that still needs more improvement, but showed vast improvement in supporting one another." Eric Alegre (12)



"Games like the Munster game really inspired the team on and off the field and helped the team work hard during those games. The student section was a big part of helping us get that win." Colt Cash (12)

**BLUE & GOLD
WHITE OUT
USA
HAWAIIAN
PINK OUT
JERSEY
BLUE OUT
FRAT NIGHT
COSTUME
BLACK OUT
PAJAMA
HOLIDAY
NEON**

When the polls hit Twitter students voiced their opinions on which theme would take place for the Friday night football game, or for the away basketball game. Students were enthusiastic as they entered the gates of the game. Daoud Issa (12) said, "The themes allowed all students to actively be involved which made our games more exciting."

STUDENT SECTION THEMES



With victory so close, the student section crowded the bleachers before a soccer game. Between the players and students, soccer was one of the most exciting sections of the year. Caught in the spirit of a huge win against Munster in the Battle of the Bridge, the student section erupted into a cloud of baby powder. It was one of the most memorable moments of the year. In honor of America, the Twitter polls called for a USA theme during football season. Filled with red, white and blue, the student section was packed with a large crowd of students cheering on the Trojans.

@HHS_FanSection

a student run Twitter account for Trojan support

The Class of 2019 wanted to take charge of increasing school spirit for their final year of high school, and to make a positive showing to our community. When the Twitter account was handed down to the Class of 2019 it was trusted to Kayla Polen (12) and Carley Ramirez (12). The goal was to increase student involvement in supporting our athletic teams and our school as a whole. Polen said, "we wanted to bring more students and a better crowd to football and soccer games," when referring to the purpose of @HHS_FanSection. While the risks of having negative issues with comments made by followers, or even disagreements with peers existed, Polen was up for the job. "With the amount retweets and likes that we received from students, coaches and the community a lot of people knew about the themes," Polen said. It's safe to say that their goal was met, and hope that its goal continues.



"Knowing that a lot of people were going allowed us to cheer on the athletes and makes them perform better. Being positive and cheering loud for your team makes it more fun students in the crowd." Hallie Ryzewski (11)



"The student section started strong during football season but died down during basketball season. The section should be packed every home game even if our team is doing bad. This gives our team momentum and it is intimidating to our opponents." Anthony Reid (11)



After scoring the 1,000th point, the student section was able to cheer and support Michaela Schmidt (12) who became the third girl to reach the score mark in the history of the girls basketball program at Highland High School. Surrounded by a group in white, students planned on throwing cotton balls to match the theme of "white out". Unfortunately, without enough cotton balls to throw, the students were just able to share their support for their friends on the court.



The student section being so much bigger and louder helped players be more excited for the games along with the students at schools. Having leaders in the student section helped get [the student body] excited on Friday night.

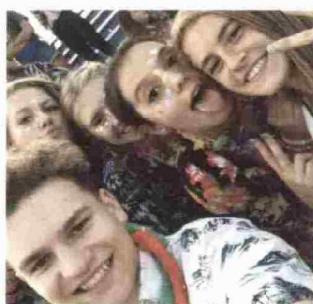
Katherine Brankin (11)

I want to be involved again next year like I did this year because I want to get everyone hyped like I did this year at games so that more people can have fun. [An active student section] allows people to believe the games are exciting even if we are losing.

Tristen Hendricks (11)

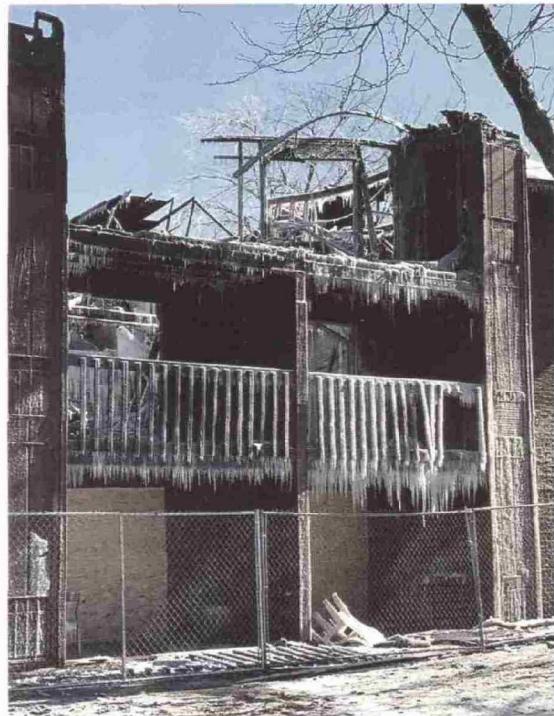
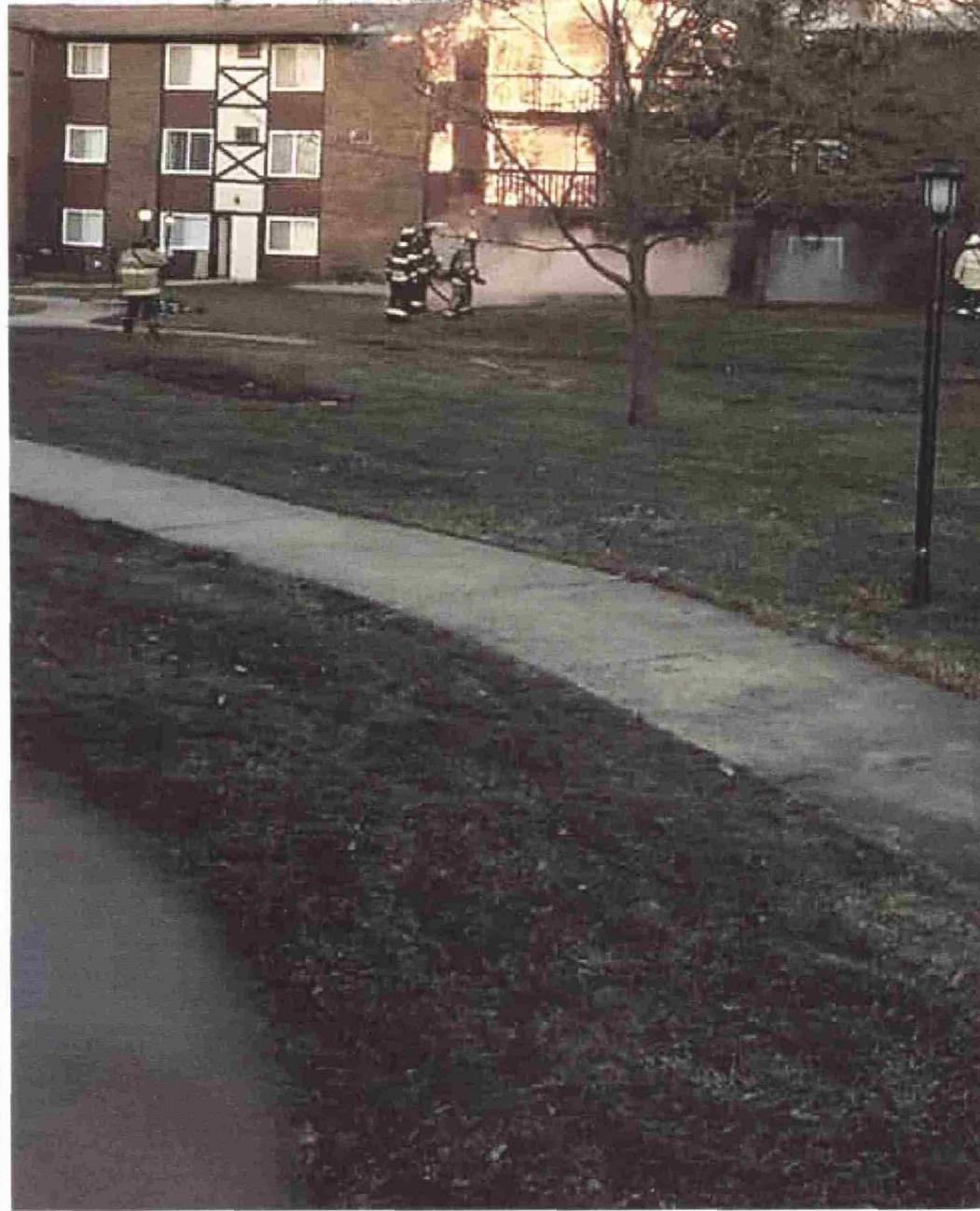
PREGAME FUN

Themes that allowed students to bond as more than classmates.



In preparation for a Friday night under the lights for a gathering courtside, students took time to carefully plan their attire, face paint, and accessories. Some went all out to show their spirit and support, others just went along for the ride. "I would go to Goodwill and I find the cheapest clothes possible for the theme. I would dress up and make it as good as possible," said Corbin Anderson (10). Years to come these moments of preparing for the fun will be memories to live on and for that we are thankful for the ride.

In a desperate attempt to save lives, emergency personnel responded to a call on February 8, 2019 around 3 pm. Smoke started to fill the sky as the Highland Fire and Police Department responded to reports of a fire in the Hampton Apartment Complex located one block west of Indianapolis Boulevard. Fire departments from surrounding communities also responded to help fight the blazes. Members of our community immediately stepped up to donate clothing, gift cards and more to those 24 families that were displaced. Through the frigid temperatures, families watched the catastrophic events unfold before their eyes.



HIGHLAND HELPS OWN

After being displaced along with 23 other families, Highland steps in to assist those in need.

The day was like any other. Jeremiah Carter (12) attended school just like any other Friday, traveled class to class. He exited the building at the final bell and rode his bus home.

He entered his residence, wanting to settle in and begin his weekend, however the smoke alarm was going off.

Life changed suddenly on February 8, 2019

"The police officer instructed me that there was a fire. When I exited the front all I could see was smoke and the fire trucks. They were trying to extinguish the fire so we were directed to go to the back," Jeremiah Carter (12) said.

For four to five hours Carter stood outside with his family and other residents while they helplessly watched their home burn.

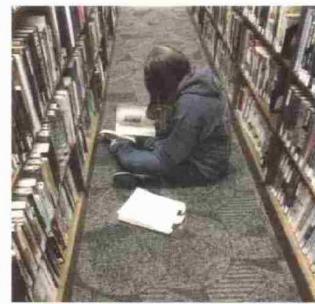
"Several churches from here in town invited us to gather clothing, food and kitchen supplies. Teachers at school offered school supplies for when I returned to school. While I am thankful for people stepping in to help me and my family, it is hard to drive past and see the aftermath," Carter continued.

With more than a quarter left in his senior year, Carter plans to use all that people have offered him to build another life.

It is Carter's wish to help people out when things are needed. "Later in life the same thing could happen to someone else," said Carter.

While it is no ones desire to face these extreme and scary circumstances, Carter hopes to be the support that our community was to him during his time of need.

And hopes that all will remember that without the help of others, life sometimes seems impossible.



Trying to collect a little work experience Ashley Gomez (11) works at the local library. Upon arriving at the library she had to learn how to sightread and make sure all the books were in the correct spots and how to put books on the shelves to follow the Dewey Decimal System.

Community Help to Give and Take



"Kind is my thing because there is nothing better than that. Harry Styles motto is "Treat people with kindness" and I live by that on the daily."
Isabella Bargoz (12)

"For years I have volunteered to work the local disability dances that are held at Scott Middle School. It feels good to help I make their event run more efficiently with our organization help."
Daniel Wilson (11)



"Suburban Bible Church is a place I can go for help because they have supported me my entire life. I also volunteer there during the AWANA program."
Audrey Zoeteman (11)

"In my religion if you help other people God will help you. Helping people is a part of my culture, and even here in the states I continue helping people. This also helps me with my language skills."
Het Modi (11)

Extraordinarily Bold

In what way are you bold?



Makiah Myles (12)

"I take a lot of pictures during the day so I post weekly on Instagram. My sister usually does my eyebrows and I put on my eyelashes. I usually take pictures of myself or have my friend take pictures of me. I would say it boosts my confidence in myself."



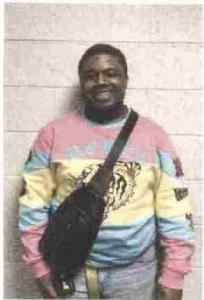
Kyra Guffey (9)

"I just try to dedicate a lot more of my time to my work. [Being in chemistry as a freshman] is going to help me get into the college I want to go to, Purdue Northwest or West Lafayette. I enjoy doing chemistry a lot in comparison to other classes that would bore me."





Andrew Cison (11)
"I'm taking AB Calculus. It's a tougher class but I definitely have to work for it. I have to do my homework every night and Mr. Jim Hus has us go on Khan academy and study off of that. I put in as much [time] as I can. It's harder to balance [having a job and taking a hard class] but if you manage your time right it's not bad."



Marquise Davis (12)
"I've always been into poetry and I wondered how it would sound along with beats so I put my words into music. It inspires others because they can actually relate to what I say, [and] to me because they relate to me and true experiences rather than if I didn't live the things I write about. I'm just going with the flow, being transparent showing the true me."

**Why not join
Marching
Band**

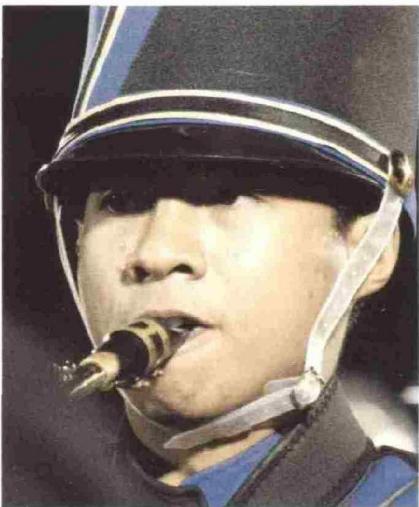


"I just feel like I prefer being in a more stable, indoor environment just for music because there are less distractions and I can focus on my music rather than outdoors where there is just a lot going on."

Matthew Wade (10)

Marching Boldly

Putting months of their effort onto the field, the Marching Trojan Pride put on a show for the Football halftime. **To secure her spot on the podium,** Sierra Laviollette (12) saluted to the audience, catching their attention for the upcoming performance. **In order to stay focused on marching,** Jude Salanio (11) focused on moving in perfect rhythm to make a perfect run of the show.



While others waited for the school year to start, the Highland Marching Trojan Pride put in months of practice over summer vacation so they could perform their show Twisted. Due to the endless hours of practice, the band's performance was breathtaking and spontaneous.



Soaked in sweat the rookie marchers, having received their rookie shirts, stood in a group for a picture capturing their first year marching and their last practice. **Standing against the** the trophy case, the seniors gave off a huge smile wearing their senior shirts knowing this will be their last practice of four or even five long years dedicated to their dot books, instruments with music and drill.



"I choose not to do marching because it's a big commitment and over summer I'm really busy and didn't have a lot of time, but overall I wish I had joined because a lot of people enjoy it and think it's a lot of fun."

Ashley Peterson (11)



"I like being with everybody in concert band and playing in concerts. But when it comes to marching, I usually want to get a job over the summer and hang out with my friends and marching doesn't leave a lot of time for that."

Jacob Labadie (12)



"I like concert band. I don't want to get in front of everybody at football games and do performances like that. I also have cross country which could interfere with the marching schedule."

Kyla Gamez (9)

After following through

on this years senior prank, the administration decided to take away the senior benches as punishment to the students who chose to take away their clocks from various classrooms.



How Do You Share Your Beliefs?



"I keep my thoughts to myself and close friends because I don't think it's important for others to know my opinions because everyone is entitled to their own opinions."

Daniel Bahena (12)



"My joy comes from God and I'm thankful that I was given a beautiful life. I exhibit that joy in my daily actions."

Gloria Linkiewicz (12)



"I want to be myself and I go with what I think is right. Everyone is different and you shouldn't force someone to change who they want to be because individuals should be able to express who they are without constraints."

Montana Handley (10)

Students shine for themselves and others



"It is important to use your voice to make a change because it shows other people that you care about your environment and your school. By going to the elementary schools as a cadet teacher, I have helped the students be the best they can be."

Angela Golub (12)



"HTC welcomed me and showed that they didn't care about other's opinions or judge me or exclude me because I was new. They all used their voice to express their individuality and welcomed me into their family even though I was just a spot light operator."

Michael Stastny (11)



"My Eagle project for Boy Scouts was to build a wall to create functional and organized space in my church. One of the elders helped narrow my choices down, and I chose this one because, without it, my offer this project might not have been completed."

Thomas Petersen (12)



"Phillip Bock has impacted me because he is always open to listen to issues I have going on and helping me through them whether..."

Kayleigh Stouffer (9)



"The distance group is very inclusive and encourages everyone to be themselves. I was originally a shy person, but I have developed my social skills and friendships because of XC, Track, and even band."

Joshua Cox (12)

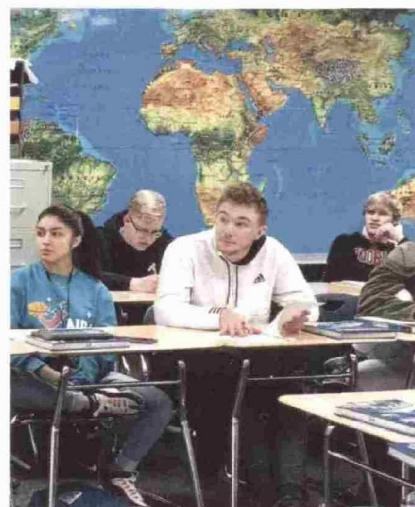


"I believe that everyone should have a shot and shouldn't be judged by outward appearances. Things can change in a split second, so I believe in listening to both sides of the story to come up with my own opinion."

Emily Fink (9)



Escaping a monotonous Friday, the government class discussed the possibilities of what a constitution would include if one was written for Highland High School. **In preparation for** their writing prompt, Melissa Santos (12), Nicholas Witham (12), Adam White (12) and Nolan Rhyne (12) documented topics brought up in discussion. **In an effort to** spike students' thought process, Mr. Jordan Heckard along with student teacher Mr. Benjamin Davidson led a discussion that prompted expectations, limits, and implementations that would make Highland High School more efficiently run.





Student Publications Revolutionalized by Technology

The Trojan Tribune, the online student publication at HHS, was created in 2014 to provide a voice for the student body. Its motto is "for students, by students" and it provides readers with current news and information, just as traditional student print newspapers have in the past.

It offers students a voice through editorials by showcasing students' opinions on relevant issues. What remains of the utmost importance, in each and every story, is to provide readers with fair and balanced coverage of what is happening and impacting our students.

Today's content on The Trojan Tribune can be read from anywhere electronically with one simple link at thetrojantribune.com.

Our staff's voices now reach further than the walls of Highland High School. Faculty, alumni, parents, and community members can see what is going on from the students' perspective. It hasn't always been this convenient. The original school newspaper, The Link, was renamed to The TrojanaL, and remained in print until 2003. Both print publications focused on reporting school sports, news and events. The cost of printing, the increasing emphasis on recycling and the environment, and the turnover of advisors led to its demise. Past advisors included English and journalism teachers Jeffrey Foss, Lisa Stahle, and Tracy McKinney.

It wasn't until 2014 that students and journalism teacher and current advisor Molly Arroyo approached administration about reinstating the school publication as an online news platform. It took hard work and perseverance to gain administrative approval, funding for a domain name and host site, staff training, a designated lab, and the necessary cameras and computer equipment to develop a student news website. Alas, The Trojan Tribune was born.

Instead of following in the print publications' footsteps, the school news publication found its home online, using a basic, free WordPress account. Going from print to online brought an influx of students, staff, alumni, and community readers, many of whom now follow the publication through social media apps like Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

Today our student readers have a plethora of news at their fingertips and the publication is using the Student News Online platform to

create new content daily for The Trojan Tribune. Readers now demand more than just school news after it happens. And although school events are still an important part of our news coverage, we have expanded to include community, nation and world issues.

Not only does the Student Media class contribute to the content of our publication, but the Journalism One prerequisite class, implemented in 2017, is taking strides in getting their work published online for the first time this year.

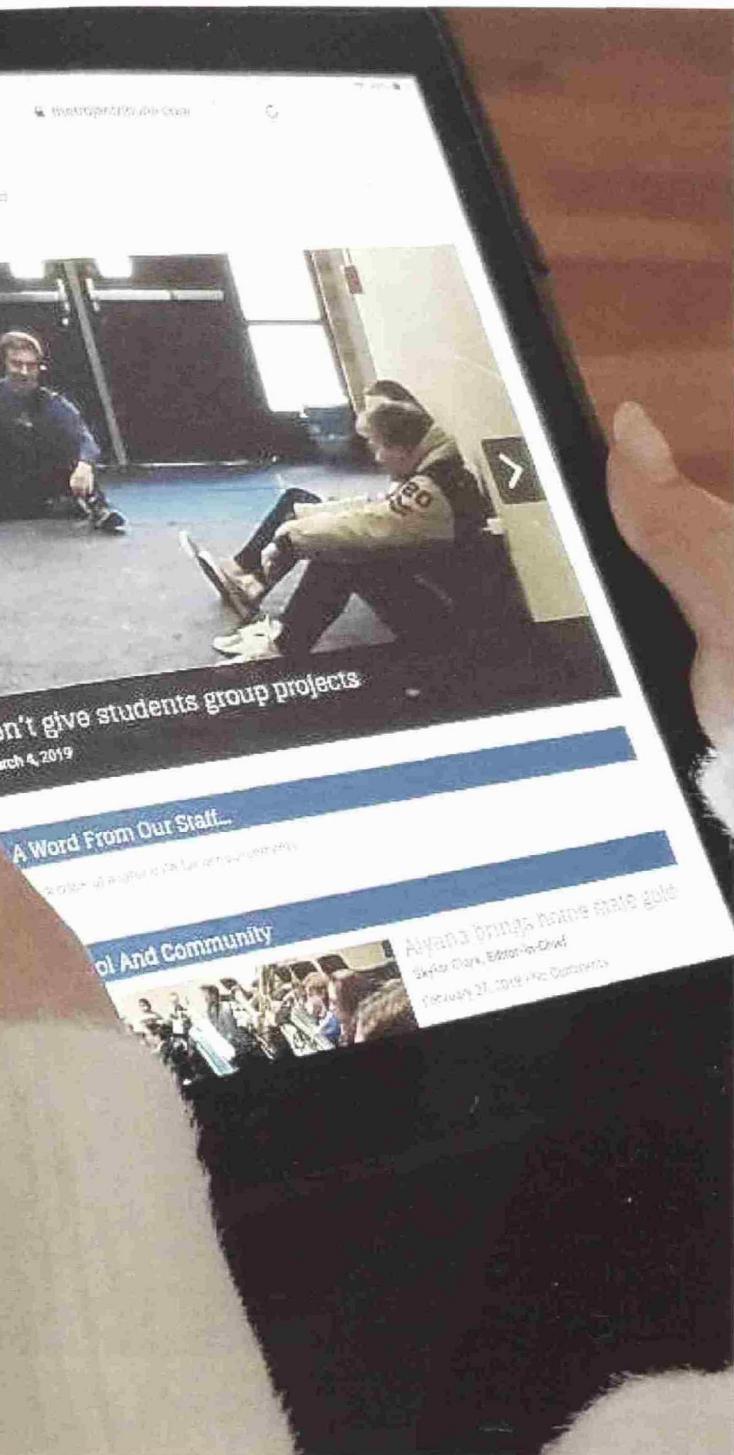
In the six years that The Trojan Tribune has been online, our staff goal has been to continually improve and adapt to meet the needs of our readers by increasing coverage of political, social and environmental content and school news that directly impacts our diverse and tech-savvy student body and faculty. We face the challenge of competing for readers' attention online, but our focus remains the same: providing a unique commodity by covering news that only students can cover in real time and capturing unique perspectives from those inside the walls of Highland High School.

Thanks to technology, the news publication now reaches a larger audience than ever before. Having The Trojan Tribune app installed on all school-issued iPads makes access to news easier and more convenient for everyone. The ability to include color videos and photo carousels makes visuals and audio clips an integral part of every news package students create.

Electronic news gives our staff a platform to spread breaking news as it happens and provide updates with in the moment photos and videos. It means increasingly demanding deadlines for students who must now submit at least one story package each week under tight deadlines. Story packages are now sent electronically via student iPads for student editors to proofread and post, making news immediate rather than readers waiting a week or more to find out old news after it happened.

Stories over the past six years, such as a student-led school walkout, canceling school after a frozen water pipe burst in the main office, sports, fine arts events and more, can now be covered as they are happening, making for more informed readers. *Story by: betty huang (12)*





Working on the online newspaper publication diligently were the staffers that included Mark Alvarado (12), Ariel Cassel (10), Skyler Clark (12), Ashley Gomez (11), Betty Huang (12), Logan Brock (11) and Sarah Liden (12). **Not pleased with** assignment types. The Trojan Tribune reported a story on student opinions of group work assigned by teachers throughout the school. **Behind the scenes**, staffers reviewed previous publications in print and compared the reach that online publications allowed the voice of Highland High School to be heard.

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HIGHLAND HIGH REMEMBERS

Mrs. Nowicki

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Mrs. Nowicki was also responsible for developing the curriculum for the Indiana Environmental Science class which became part of a pilot program involving students with the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center. The pilot was so successful, the class has been continued since. Under Mrs. Nowicki's leadership, the Environmental Science Class has been involved in establishing the school's Hoosier River Watch program, the paper recycling program, the recycling of batteries, the recycling of fluorescent lamps and other projects, including being a Green School.

Mrs. Nowicki was an active graduate since 1989. After becoming a teacher at Highland, she taught science for two years at the much-reduced science department for the next 25 years. Mrs. Nowicki was a member of the faculty, including being a 3D teacher, until her retirement in 2002.

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vised as a guest lecturer by students and organizations, including the Northwest Indiana Chapter of Sigma XI, the Scientific Research Society, who invited her to speak about the growing Northwest Indiana science/mathematics teacher of 1998. Many students have returned, most recently and expressed how well they had been prepared for their chemistry classes especially those who had been involved in the AGC Chemistry Club which we initiated by Mrs. Nowicki.

As Chairman of the science department, **Sohn** provided much information for this article, was among many of the students and staff who attended Mrs. Nowicki for her retirement party. She was a very popular teacher.

Mrs. Nowicki was ad-

"whether an absence school or personal issues."

A memorial service is to be held for Mrs. Nowicki in commemoration of her teaching commitment to Highland High School. The service is to take place in the high school auditorium on Thursday, May 22nd at 10:30 AM.

Another, but kinder edge of chemistry. Mrs. Nowicki's most obvious characteristic was her enthusiasm, Chapman said. "She would become so excited over a concept, a project, or an approach that she would just avoid becoming equally excited over her being around her."

On May 22nd, the Queen City will be holding its first ever "Prom Queen Competition" at the Indiana Dunes State Park in the northern Indiana town of New Castle.

Queens and King.

The day after many students headed to Turkey Run, Great America, Chicago, and Michigan, "Weather pending," it will be headed to Great America if it is nice out and if the weather isn't on our side I will be heading to Dree's Busters," said an anxious and excited Megan Giffordson.

Laurie Hallahan stated, "Chris and I are going with some of our friends to the Indiana Dunes. I never would have thought I would be any fun, but after my friend told me everything we can do it sounds like a lot of fun. Even though it's a 20 minute ride I am

A TROPICAL GETAWAY

PROM 2003

Queen City

King and queen on Friday as well.

Tropical Getaway. This year's theme took place on May 17, 2003. The dance started at 6 and dinner was

Grand March showing, but it was also available at the dance.

This year's court included Girls... **Marina Abitino, Stefanie Lopez, Amanda Monkovich, Grace**

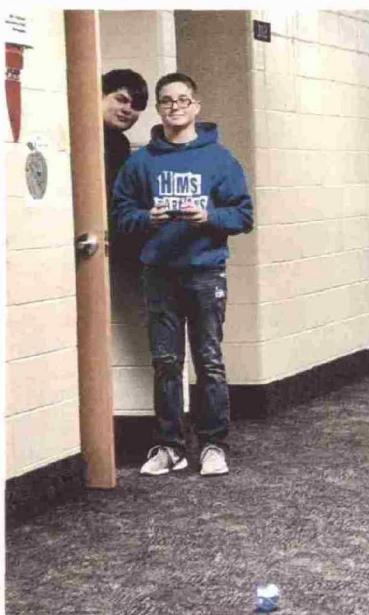
The Prom Court for 2003: **Queen City**

TASKS

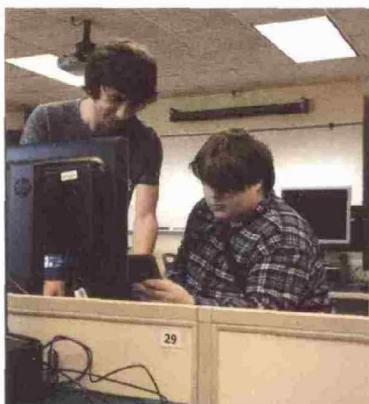
To assist teachers and students alike.



With an effort to motivate students, Julian Munoz (9) presented a Breakout EDU session in order to convince teachers to utilize resources that are available.



Amused with a new technology tool, Jackie Janik (9) took a new Sphero for a walk down the math hallway while Hunter Rosinko (11) watched.



Paying attention to detail, Anthony Stephens (10) assisted Hunter Rosinko (11) with a scavenger hunt.

TAKING TECH STEPS

The rate that technology advances was astounding. Diving into not only knowing what technology can do for students, but understanding what you can do with technology was an amazing thing.

A first hour to play with technology. It's not all Youtube, Snapchat or Fortnite.

While learning to operate a sphero and even drones that were included in on learning targets, students developed their verbal skills by stepping into a customer service role as they assisted teachers and staff with technological issues.

Modeling other student technology programs at other schools, Mrs. Tracie Mezera-Juarez used connections to develop what would work best for Highland High School.

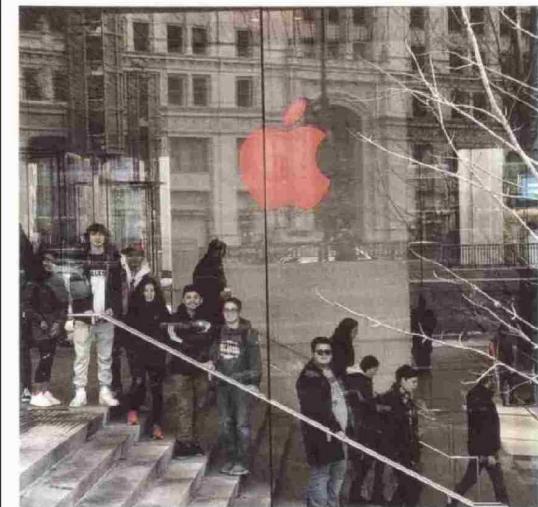
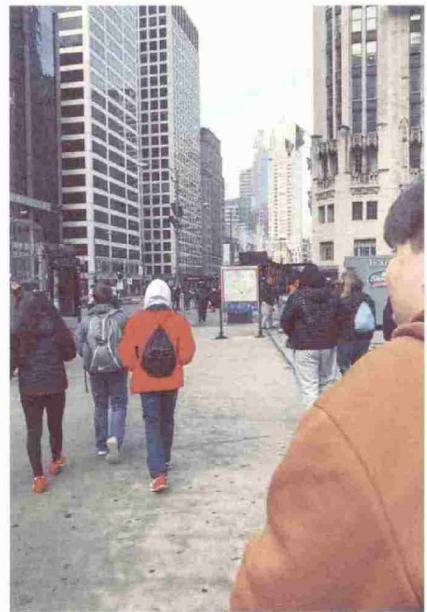


Often times found hard at work in the Highland High School library, Mezera's small tech class made big impacts on the teacher's and student's technology-related issues through thorough and efficient explanations and assistance.

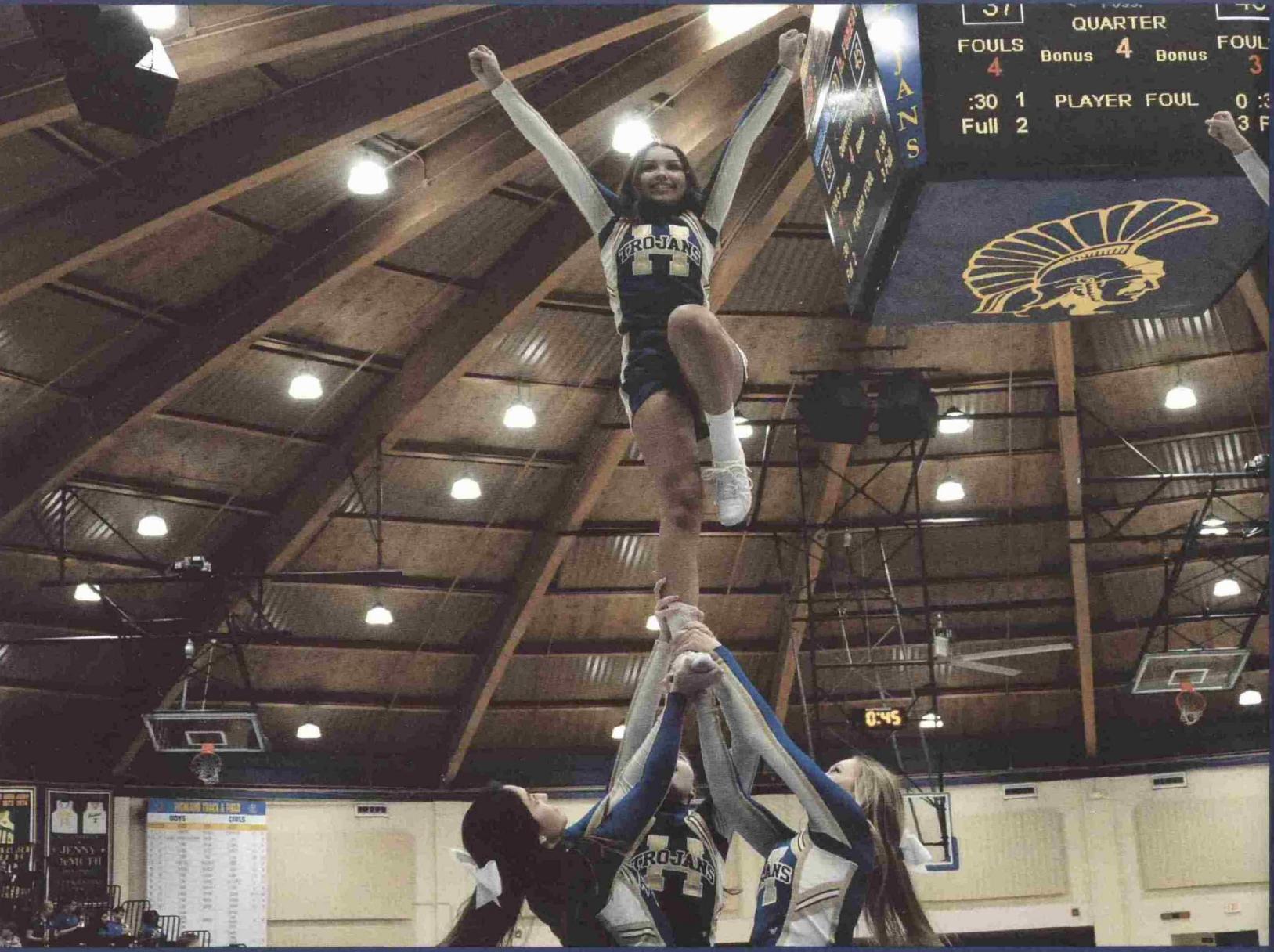




In preparation for a learning experience, the tech mentors traveled via South Shore train to Chicago to visit the Apple Store on Michigan Ave. **Taking in the sights**, students were able to see employees of facets of life travel to their place of employment throughout the city.



After learning from professionals, the mentors prepared to exit the building. In order to share knowledge with each other, the tech mentors met with Oak Lawn tech mentors that also ran a similar program.



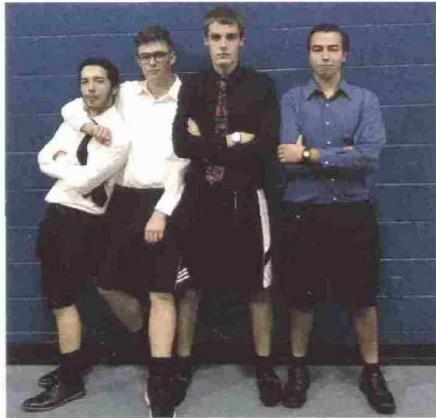
Standing Out in Blue

After a long quarter, Lexus Spinato (11) brought the student section to their feet with an exhilarating lift held by Cloe Schipper (11), Madison Pearce (10) and Payton Walker (12). Surrounded by many teammates, Raquel Davila (10) and Alexandra Rose (11) cheered on their fellow swimmers in a medley relay during a home swim meet against the Lowell Red Devils. In order to win Kayla Robinson (9) attacked the lane in an effort to make a lay up for two points.

Trying to stay focused on the game, Mohammad Issa (10) prepared himself mentally for the home opener of the boys basketball season against the River Forest Ingots.



BLUE



Dressing it Down

Proudly sporting their clever attire, the group of friends confidently posed against the gym wall in their dress shirt and basketball shorts during the dance.

"Me and my friends thought it would be fun instead of putting on this fake 'oh look at me I'm so fancy.' One of the teachers commented on us. We got a lot of weird looks, it was fun. I would do it in the future if I could. I hope it inspires other people to do different things and not be afraid to do something crazy. Go against against the norm." Ricardo Castillo (12)

-Marissa Gibson



Monday: Pajama Day



Wednesday: Green & Bling



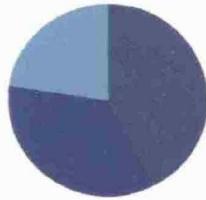
Thursday: Twin day



Friday: Blue and Gold

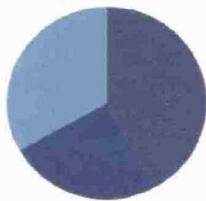
The Ambiance

Did you like the music?



- Didn't attend
- Yes
- No

Did you like the lighting?



- Didn't attend
- Yes
- No

A total of 142 students in study hall were surveyed; 61 students were Freshmen, 24 students were Sophomores, 40 students were Juniors, and 17 students were Seniors.



"I liked that it was darker and in the hallway going into the blue gym they had little string lights. I thought the music was better but it still isn't the greatest. I think there should've been more rap played."

Andrea Felix (10)



"I liked the walkway with all the lights when we went into the dance. I liked the music; it wasn't bad. They played songs that I actually liked, a lot better than last year. I wish they played more rap or pop songs."

Brianna Stuebe (10)

Theres no place like Homecoming



Right in step with the beat, the Highland High School Cheerleaders gave an entertaining performance for their portion of the homecoming half time show. With a look of concentration upon their faces, the varsity football team walked confidently up through the Trojan head and onto the field before they went on to face Lowell. The Trojans lost 0-7 to the Red Devils.



Spirit Week

Dressing to show school spirit

Monday: It as all a Dream

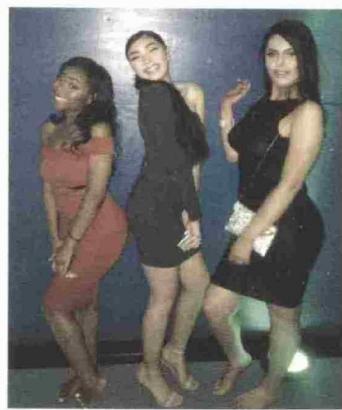
Tuesday: Twister Tuesday

Wednesday: Oz the Great and Powerful

Thursday: Which Witch is Which

Friday: A Storm is Coming

To hype up the students for homecoming, the student council organized their traditional spirit week. For the 5 days before homecoming, students were encouraged to dress in attire that was inspired by that day's corresponding theme. -Khyree Brooks



A Quick Picture

Taking a break from the dance floor, Makiah Myles (12) and Yaritza Castillo (12) posed barefoot for a quick picture with friend Mariah Quinones. With smiles Ariana Flores (12) and Dionne Wilson (12) were happy to be celebrating their last homecoming dance together. Before heading to the dance, Cody Chapman and friends posed together in front of his house while it was still daylight.

A Home away from Home Homecoming at other schools

Students at Highland High School when mentioned the word Homecoming envision the costumes of spirit week, the Homecoming game, and the semi-formal dance. This is Highland High School's vision of Homecoming. However, other schools have their own unique image. Students Jordan Warren (9) and Celeste Enriquez (9) both attended different high school Homecoming dances and were able to experience their individuality first hand. Warren, who went to Griffith High School's Homecoming, said, "There were these huge tables and speakers. There was also a huge circle of people that were just dancing and having fun. It was pretty great experience!" Enriquez, who attended Bishop Noll Institute's Homecoming dance stated, "It was a really fun experience! There was a dance battle in the middle of this large circle of people. There was this long table by the entrance full of snacks and refreshments that [attendees] were allowed to grab throughout the entire night. The night end like a rave, with these multicolored flashing glow sticks [that the school provided] that people were jumping up and down with. Everyone was dancing and going crazy to the loudly blasted music. It truly a night worth to remember." -Celeste Enriquez



"To perform, to do it differently outside and with the town and having everyone there, was more fun because so many people were there watching you and cheering you on. Our routine was the same except we changed our theme to Wizard of Oz.

Analyce Alcaraz (11)

"It was fun but also stressful and tiring because we had to perform 4 times back to back. I like doing it before the game because we get more dances and the challenge to learn more routines for the game."

Paige Lecea (10)

"It got a lot of the fans excited because they got to see us practice earlier; it got more people to come out and watch the game. It got [the team] more excited."

Anthony Caraballo (12)

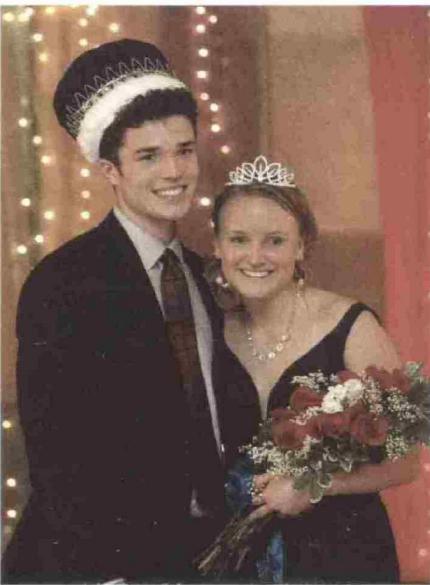
"I performed in a dress. I didn't have a lot of time to change after the pep rally and join the cheerleaders. I thought having the pep rally before the game was a good idea because all the people stayed for the game after."

Cloe Schipper (11)



Behind The Scenes

Outdoor Pep Rally Lets Students Perform for the Entire Town.

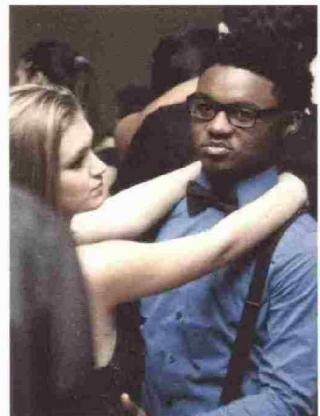
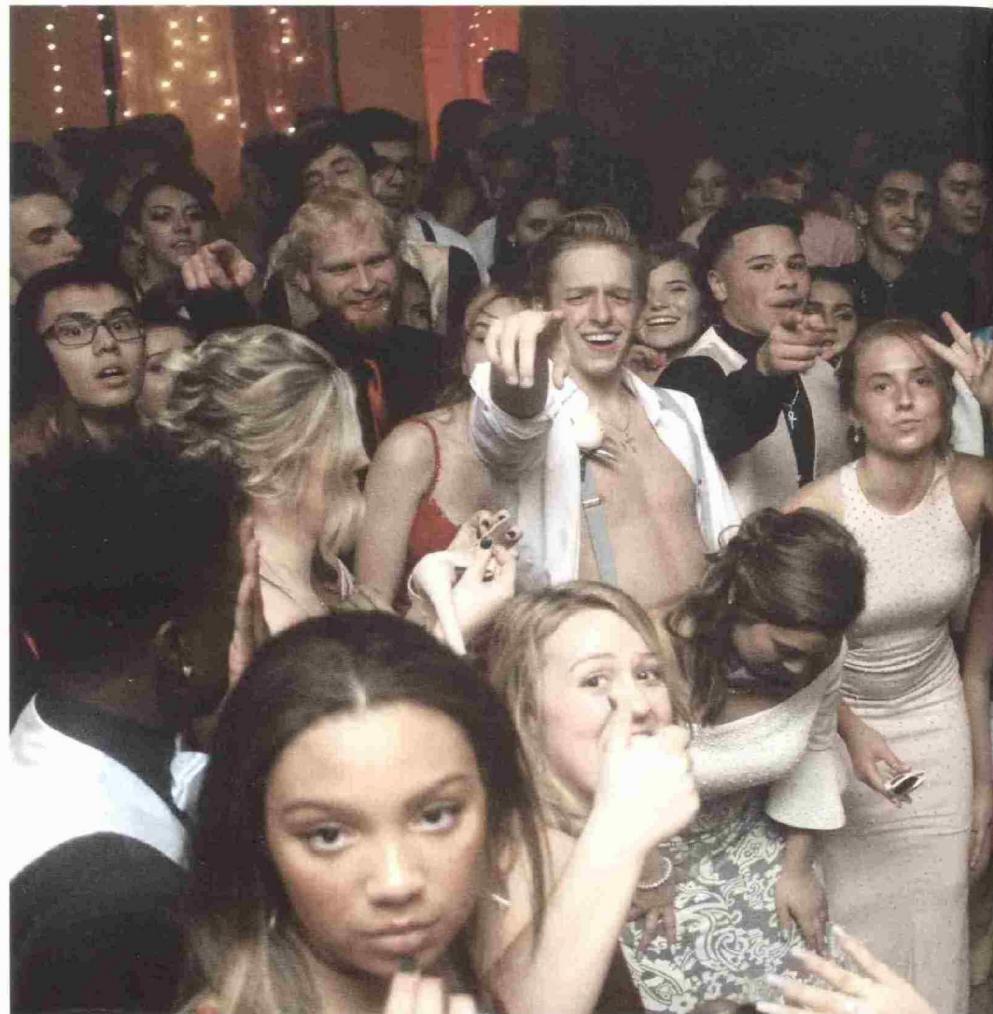


With the crown atop their head, the king and queen proudly smiled

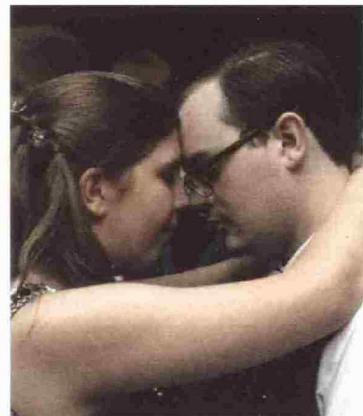
before the slow dance. **Before the** crowning, the court waited patiently for the announcement.

King and Queen of the Dance winning the votes

Winning the majority vote at the Turnabout Dance, king Thomas Crowel (12) and queen Kayla Polen were filled with excitement after being crowned. Voting was conducted at the dance upon entrance, with the choice of 6 male candidates and 6 female candidates on the ballot. All Highland attendees were able to vote, while voting for court was limited to only athletes with Varsity letters.

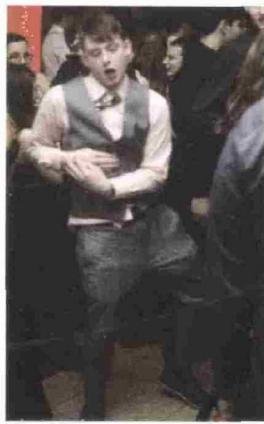


Not pleased with the choice of music Jonah Tillman (10) and Julia Hart (10) put in their best efforts to enjoy the dance. Lost in each other's presence, Megan Herron (12) and Nicholas Huizenga (12) danced in complete serenity.





Full of excitement and energy at the center of the dance floor, students continued to dance as they pointed and gave thumbs-up at the camera. **On his own**, Jaysen Hilligoss (10) Rocked to the song.



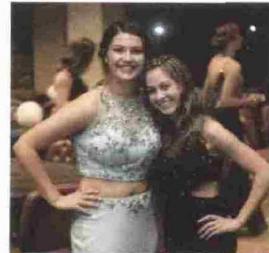
Unable to control his excitement, Christopher Amador (11) was fully encapsulated by the song and danced his heart away. **Each dancing** with a partner, the group of friends continued to dance while posing for the photographer. **Arms overhead** and forming an "m", the crowd danced to Y.M.C.A. by Village People.



Getting in the spirit of the mosh pit, Benjamin Strode (11) screamed and jumped as the beat dropped. **At the center** of a circle made by her friends, Katelin Sears (10) broke down in a series of moves.

On the Dance Floor

Clad in a beautiful maroon dress, Kailyn Butler (10) and Elizabeth Branch (9) paused the dancing for a moment to pose for a picture. **Early to the dance** before the dance floor became crowded, Angelica Castillo (9) and Kendal Carrubba (9) posed for the photographer. **Opting to go** to the dance together as a big group of friends, the girls were prepared to conquer the night together.



Picture Perfect Posing at the Dance



"This was my first Turnabout. I danced the majority of the time but I did sit down for a little bit because I got bored. I really enjoyed getting ready because I like dressing up."

Elizabeth Branch (9)



"I was dancing most of the time. The most memorable thing was in the photobooth taking pictures with my friends. The best part was spending time with my friends preparing for our last dance as seniors."

Monique Hubbard (12)

Choosing to Go or Not Go to the Dance



"I didn't go to Turnabout. I didn't plan on going and none of my friends were going so I didn't want to go either. I heard that it was pretty fun and there was a dancer that was pretty cool."

Antonio Cerdá (11)



"I was going to go but it was too late to buy everything. I heard this year it was pretty boring but prom should be better! I wish I had went because it would have been my last Turnabout but it was too late."

Alicia Silva (12)



"I didn't really feel like going [to Turnabout] and I didn't have a date to go with. I heard it was fun and the songs weren't really that good."

Justin Stewart (12)



"Taking pictures and going out to eat after the dance [was the most fun]. Going out to eat there was a very memorable story that happened. Before we went out to eat, I puked outside of a car because my stomach was feeling really crazy."

Mattea Ochoa (10)

The Night Lives On

The dance is only the start of the night

Turnabout, which started promptly at 7:00 pm and lasted until 10:00 pm on a Friday, consisted of hours beforehand to get ready. Although some people left school early and began to get ready as early as noon, the dance itself was only the beginning of a long night of fun and adventure with friends. Many groups of friends decide to go to after parties, rent hotel rooms, stay at beach houses, have sleep overs, go out the following day, or go out to dinner. Of course for many people, this is the most anticipated part of the night.

Backstage



"My role was to make sure the curtain closed at the right time, and to help with anything extra that needs to be helped with backstage. This is my first production working in the company, so I was just getting used to stuff."

Amanda Remley (10)



"The job of production manager is pretty much the 'boss' of everybody. I tell people what to do, and take attendance. During the actual show I'm the one who's calling all of the cues, telling people what they need to be doing, where they need to go, when lights need go on and sound needs to go on."

Madison Cheeseman (12)



"For costuming, what people have to do is make sure the costumes are in the right places at the right time, and have to make sure the costumes are in perfect condition. There were certain characters that had to go from a suit and tie to a general's costume, and I had to make sure they got through that."

Megan Herron (12)



"I was part of the behind the scenes crew. We made sure that the actors had to be at the right spots at the right times. Really making sure that everything is in the right spot and everything goes smoothly."

Ethan Bratcher (9)



"I took notes for the director, Mr. Domsica, and organized his thoughts. I was sort of the middle man. He would have a thought about how it should be done during the production, and he would relay that to me and I would relay that to the cast."

Paige Fanning (12)

MOON OVER BUFFALO

Cast

George Hay	Alexander Melby
Charlotte Hay	Kennedy Vernengo
Ethel	Justin Harrington
Rosalind	Kaitlyn Tiemens
Howard	Jack Banasiak
Eileen	Emily Michalak
Paul	Nathaniel Taillon
Richard	Christopher Amador

Production Crew

Director	Matt Domsica
Asst. Director	Marc Ryser
Student Asst. Director	Paige Fanning
Production Stage Manager	Madison Cheeseman
Scenic Design	Marc Ryser
Lighting & Sound Design	Matt Domsica
Fight Choreography	Marc Ryser
Makeup & Hair	Madelyn Hedin
Wigs	Bobbie Sue Kvachkoff
Assistant	Angelina Baker
Costume Crew	Haley Topor
	Megan Herron
Prop Masters	Brittany Bowers
	Hayden Greathouse
Sound Crew	Brianna Lopez
	Rebecca Johnson
Light Board Ops	Sarah Liden
	Isabelle Hibbard
Run Crew	Kayleigh Ferguson
	Ethan Bratcher
Box Office	Megan Curran
	John O'Connor
House Staff	Amanda Remley
	Cameran Zumm
Lead Carpenters	David Markley
	Joseph Rybarczyk
Set Construction	Nicholas Huizinga
HTC Sponsors	Lillian Lambreg
	Nevaeh Miranda
	Adrienne Valdez
	Marc Ryser
	Patrick Ohaver
	Matt Domsica
The Cast & Crew	HTC Members
	David Markley
	Matt Domsica



Tired of fighting over a piece of clothing, Alexander Melby (12) and Nathaniel Taillon (12) tried to keep it away from Justin Harrington (10). Adding action and conversation to the stage, the cast created a vivid look and feel for their portrayal of 1950's characters. Looking onward with happiness and surprise, Jack Banasiak (10) and Kaitlyn Tiemens (10) played a surprised on Howard.



OVERCOMING AUDITION NERVES

"Nerves are hard to overcome. Even though I know the directors you feel like they are judging you. You can't just get over the nerves, you can just go and trust that you know what you are doing to get cast in a show."

Sarah Liden (12)



"Auditions for me were a thing to overcome. I think about how good I am about to do, or how good I can make judges feel. It's like looking at a dog, they can sense your fear and I tell myself that I can do my best and give it my all."

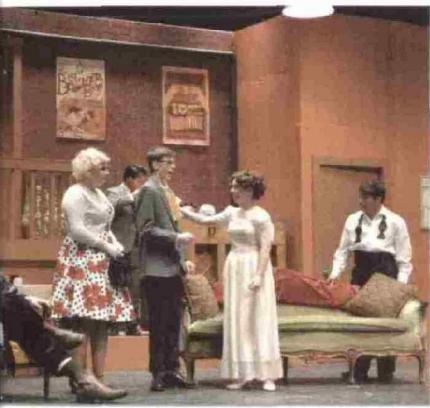
Elijah Montanez (11)



"Normally when I get really nervous before going on stage for an audition I just take really deep breathes and I just talk to myself mainly 'like relax you'll be fine, just talk yourself out of it.'"

William Denvit (9)





With eyes focused
on Alexander Melby
(12), Kaitlyn Tiernens
(10) looked at
Alexander Melby's (12)
long, Pinocchio nose.



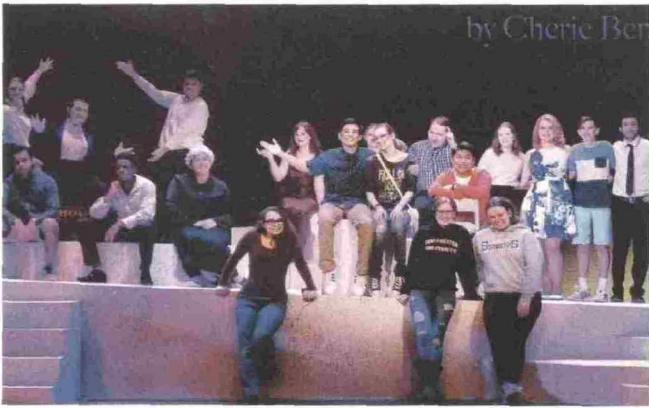
"Not having a perfect script memorized and having to learn everything as you walk into an audition is stressful. To overcome my nerves, I take deep breaths and tell myself that I can get through and not actually scared about what's happening"
Juanita Seabrook (9)



"I do acting outside of school and I was in the acting program at Morton. I've been doing it for a while so if I get nervous it goes away fast or I know how to work with it now. If you do it a lot of times you get used to it."
Melissa Maciel (12)

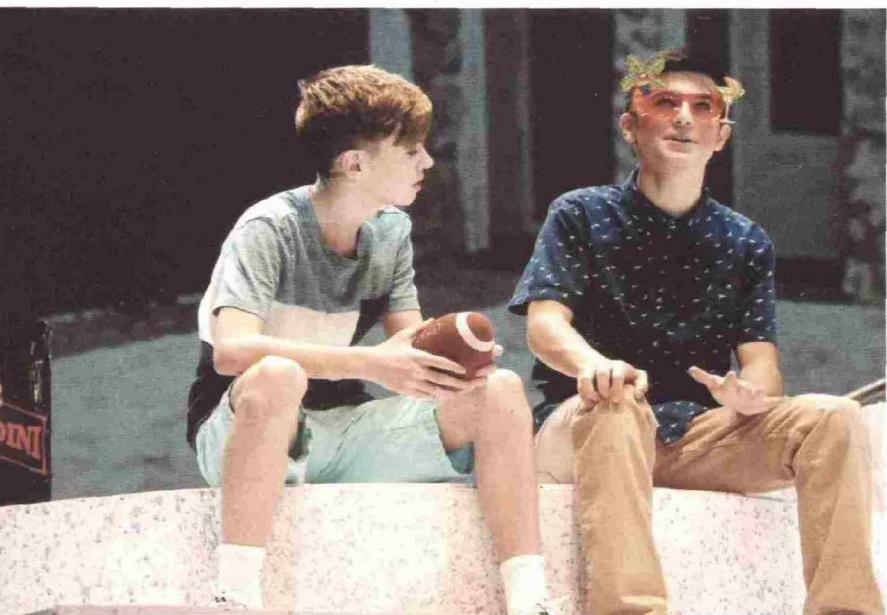
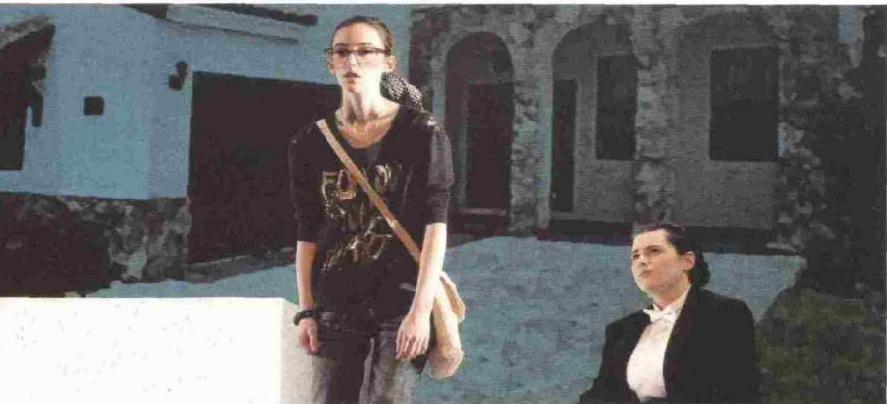


"Understanding that everyone here wants to help you do better. They are there to point out your strengths instead of your weaknesses. Overall they want you to do better, just be yourself and have fun with it too."
Hayden Greathouse (11)



by Cherie Ben

Amused with the
backstage excitement,
Brittany Bowers (10) gave
two thumbs up that she
ready to perform.



Even when a heart doesn't love you, it still has a purpose out in the world. Find the heart's place.

Taking advantage of a picture perfect opportunity, the entire cast, directors, and manager smiled for the camera. **Determined to get** a chance to feel her brothers heart again, Lillian Lamberg (12) arrived at the house of the donor. **In an intense moment** of thought, Christian Moore (12) prepared to share his heart. **With a desperate attempt**, Elijah Montanez (11) wore those funky sunglasses to blend into the new Miami environment as he talked to William Denvit (9). **In order to** transform the scene to a carnival, Kayleigh Ferguson (11) acted like a little girl trying to sell tickets to Nevaeh Miranda (11), Lillian Lamberg (12), and Elijah Montanez (11).

Cast List

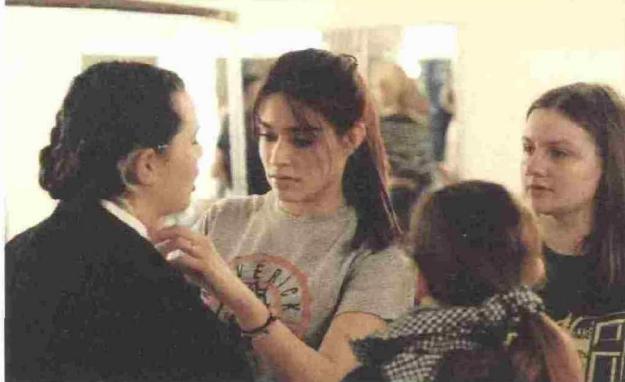
Darcy Deeton	Lilly Lamberg
Harry Houdini	Kayleigh Ferguson
Sam Weiss	Elijah Montanez
David Deeton/The	Nate Taillon
Amazin' Eddie	

Doug Deeton	Christian Moore
Claire Deeton	Isabelle Hibbard
Winston Pawling	William Denvit
Dr. John Pawling	Ricardo Castillo II
Aaron Weiss	Christopher Amador
Enid Manners	Navaeh Miranda
Crystal Evan	Olivia Smith
Dr. Linda Pawling/Dr.	Jillian Parsley
Lee	

Amanda Bliss/Charlene	Kaitlyn Tiemens
Dorothy Young	Brittany Bowers
(Magician's Assistant 1)	

Jim Collins (Magician's	Ethan Bratcher
Assistant 2)	

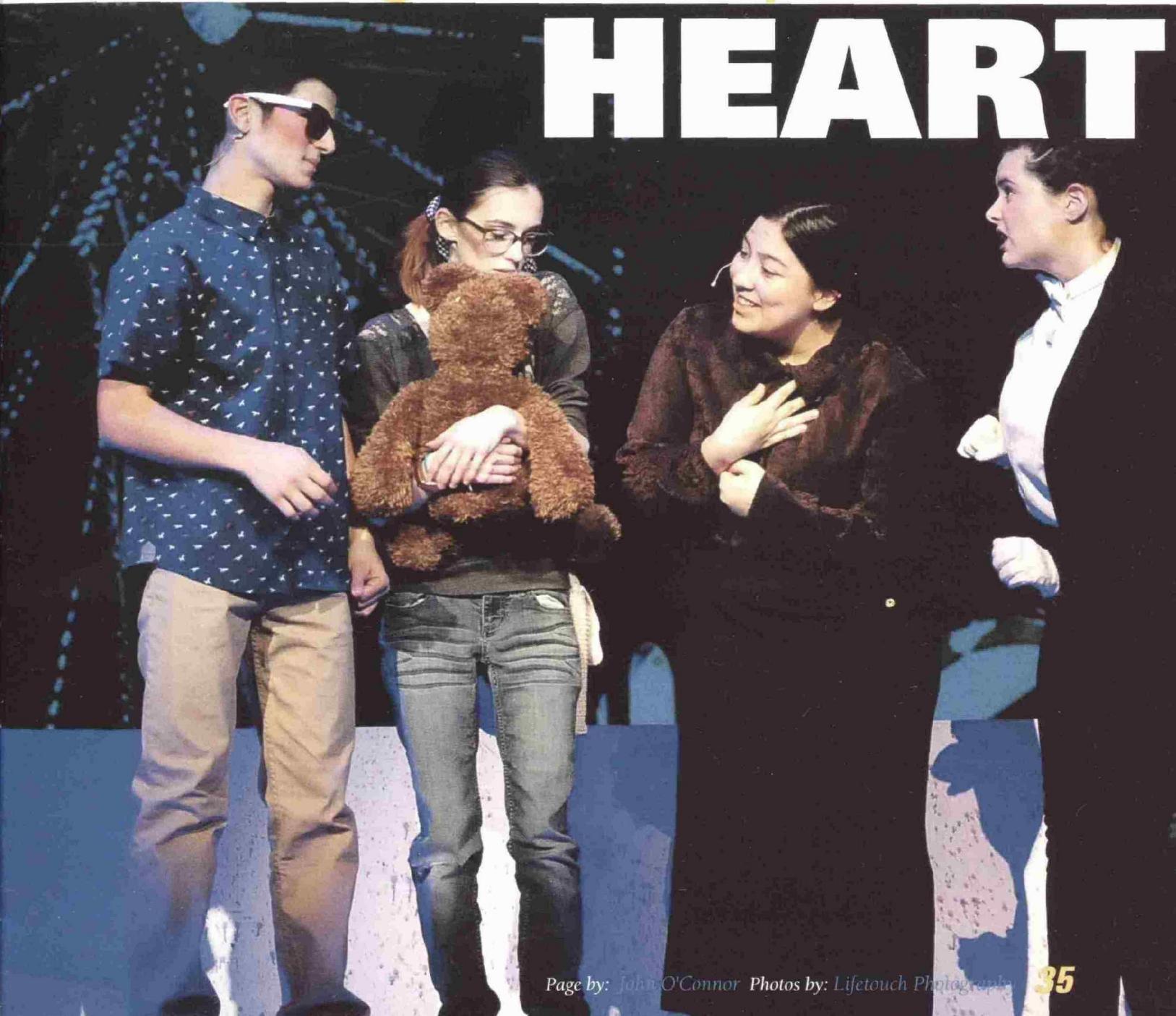
Understudy	Amira Zahabi
Understudy	Joseph Stanley



Having the support of each other, Taylor Wilson (9) and Olivia Smith (11) were excited for opening night. With a few extra minutes to spare, Adrienne Valdez (12) fixed up Kayleigh Ferguson (11) bow tie.

Telling a Story with

HEART





Surrounding the state trophy, the boys and girls team smiled after a successful and rewarding season. Keeping calm faces around opposing teams, the boys cross country team got themselves ready for the run their 5K race.

the SEASON

Boys

	US
Lake Central	2nd
New Prairie	2nd
NCC Conference	2nd
Sectional Conference	1st
Regional Conference	2nd
Semi State	4th
State Conference	12th

Girls

	US
Lake Central	6th
New Prairie	14th
NCC Conference	5th
Sectional Conference	13th
Regional Conference	8th

Grace Aurand (11) and Miranda Bates (10) advanced to Semi state individually. At Semi-State, Bates finished 134th out of 180 runners; Aurand finished 24th place advancing her to the State meet.

What Made Them Run?



"I knew that cross country would be a difficult sport, and I knew it would be a challenge. I heard great things about the team and wanted to be part of it."

Ariana Salazar (10)



"I used to play soccer, but it kind of lost its feeling. I really enjoyed when we got to run laps and things like that. So I started running in sixth grade and I really started to enjoy it more, and really started getting better at it. I just enjoyed it so much it kind of became my thing."

Catheryn Markus (9)



Falling in a line around turns, the girls cross country team kept the same speed. Outracing two rival runners, Madelyn Smigla (12) gave her best to keeping her standing. Running at a confident pace, Hannah Wleklinski (10) managed to catch a glance at bystanders.

Total Concentration individually working together



determination, Adam Ackermann (10) kept his focus on only the run and his own progress. **Only inches from finishing** the race, Mira Handley (9) maintained the pace that she started her run with. **Motivated by the cheering fans**, Kayla Robinson (9) stayed energized through the track race and held her head high until her final step across the finish.

Boosting the team spirit, the boys team huddled around for a last minute pep talk before starting the race. **Running on**

"I've always been a runner, and kind of grew up running. In elementary school I ran, and in middle school years I did soccer. My friend was a distance runner so she asked me to come out and try cross. I actually liked it."

Zoie Ison (12)



"It was with really good friends that really welcomed me to the high school basically. There was something different, something new. There was something interesting how the people ran and how it took so much to run, and I wanted to try and accomplish more goals when I ran."

Maximus Campos (11)

"It was the team aspect of it. We're like a family, so it's nice to be around those kind of people. I just have a love for running, and it's just a really rewarding sport."

Kevin Hasier (12)

"My friends mostly encouraged me to join, because they thought since I'm a really fast runner that I would do good there. I just needed some kind of a challenge to face, to push myself a little harder."

Julian Gray (10)



Being State Qualified

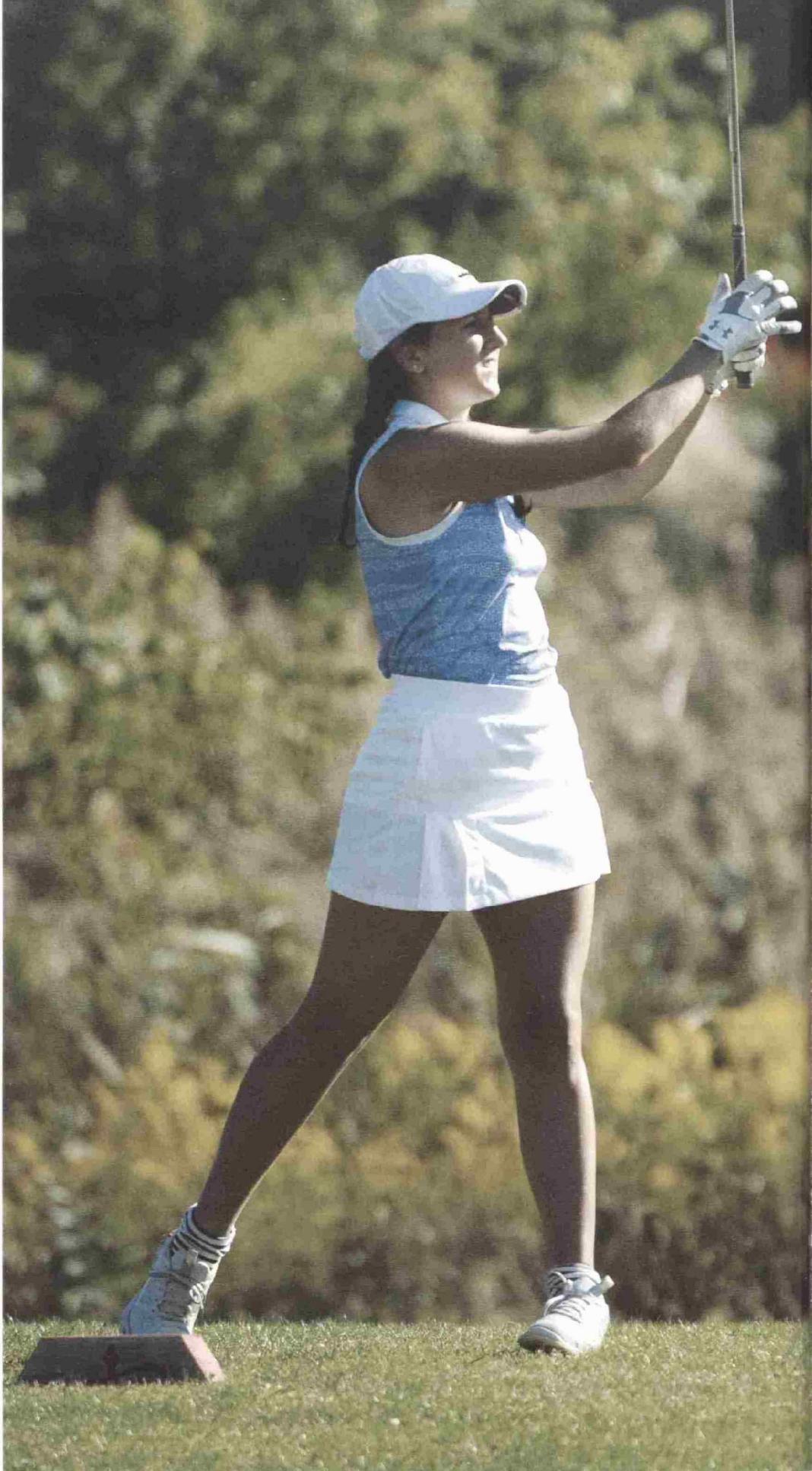


Ryan Johnson (10)
"We put in a lot of work, we always try to do our best, and we have some new people on the team this year, and I think we can do really good."

After being out of that final competition for decades, this group of boys were determined to reach Terre Haute. "We did a lot in the morning and after school. The amount of dedication we all put in this year shows why we deserve what we did this [season]," said Lucas Guerra (10). Vincent Bovino (12) worked to land a spot in the top seven, and it was an amazing accomplishment to end this sport this way.

With a steady hand, Elise Gluth (11) swung with absolute perfect form. She smiled as she watched the ball go swiftly through the air and reaching her intended mark.

With a look of determination, Carlyn Stone (12) set for her next swing, raising her club at the perfect angle and hoping to reach as close to the hole as possible. **Total concentration** upon her face as Madalyn Raudonis (11) swung her club forward forcefully sending the ball through the air on its way quickly to the hole.



Refusing to Lose

Taking it one hole at a time.

Carlyn Stone (12) was the lone representative in the 2018 fall season's Golf sectionals and regionals for the Trojans. Since she was an experienced Highland High School golf player, the opportunity to advance to regionals wasn't foreign. "I have been wanting to advance since freshman year. Last year I missed going to regionals by a stroke so my goal this year was to advance to regionals." After playing a nerve racking game of sudden death, she advanced strongly with an outstanding mindset and performance behind her. Stone put her absolute all into preparing. "For sectionals I made sure to practice everyday and take it easy so that I could perform my best." Upon advancing, Stone had a limited number of days to prepare for the regionals. With the strict time frame, she was already left with little free time and the time she was given she took it and spent it on the golf course practicing. Due to her advancement to regionals, Stone missed this years Homecoming dance. However, seeing as this was her last chance to advance and show what she really could give on the golf course, the opportunity for regionals was much more welcome to be taken. The day she she put her absolute all into golf.

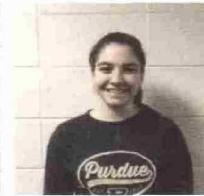
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206	Munster	175
224	Hobart	248
223	Valparaiso	164
223	Hobart	253
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215	Munster	208
203	Kankakee Valley	185
203	Rensselaer	208
228	Andrean	232
228	Munster	173
228	Hobart	233
217	Hanover Central	240
203	Griffith	235
203	Boone Grove	221
210	Chesterton	195
210	Merrillville	277

SEASON SCORES



Getting some tips from Coach Daniel Richardson, Olivia Smith (11) allowed her face to show her pure awe after being given help. To achieve the perfect swing, Alexis Whitehead took a squat and contemplated the direction she is to take and how much force to put in.

A Golf Insight



"I started becoming friends with some of the girls on the team, and they took me out to the driving range. Lended up really liking it. My favorite course was Wicker."

Natalie Fitt (9)

"I just wanted to try something new. Wicker was my favorite course."

Carly Kuva (9)



"I decided to start playing golf because I have a heart condition and my doctor told me I could no longer play softball and volleyball so I decided to pick it up. My favorite course is Sandy pines."

Miyah Hinkel (11)

"I started playing golf because my family has been playing golf for a really long time, so it really just runs in the family. My favorite course is a country club in Chesterton where I got my first birdie."

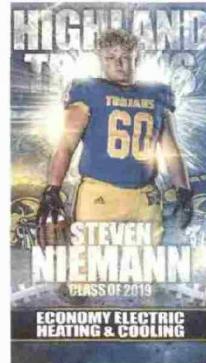
Olivia Smith (11)

Varsity			Junior Varsity		
	US	THEM		US	THEM
Morton	6	16	Andrean	22	28
Crown Point	10	18	Kankakee Valley	12	7
Clark	56	6	Hobart	14	7
Gavit	37	7	Lowell	7	24
Munster	30	20	Whiting	33	0
Lowell	0	7	Gavit	26	8
Hobart	14	28	Morton	33	8
Kankakee Valley	20	10			
Andrean	0	28			
Lowell (Sectional)	14	34			

SCORES

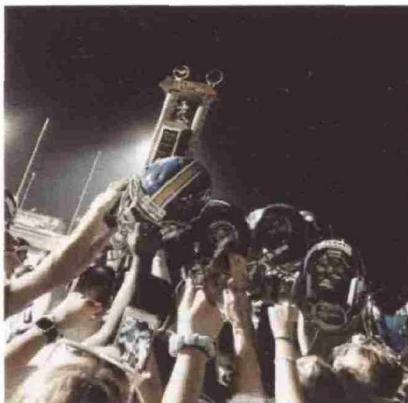
Freshman		
	US	THEM
Morton	14	0
Crown Point	0	13
Rensselaer	6	50
Munster	20	30
Lowell	7	42
Hobart	14	28
Kankakee Valley	6	29

Banners Fly Downtown



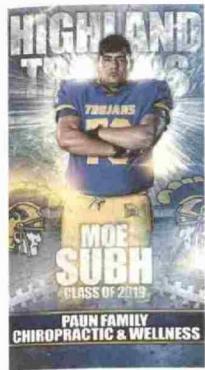
"I think it's pretty cool seeing everyone's posters. It shows off our seniors, and how everyone stuck through it."

Steven Niemann (12)



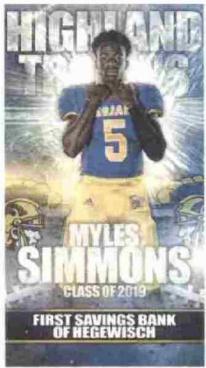
Waiting for the snap, the offensive line sets up at the yard line looking for a touchdown.

Helmets raised in triumph, the team carried a trophy, celebrating their win for the Battle of the Bridge against the Munster Mustangs.



"It was on the same street as Langel's Pizza, so it was nice going down the street and seeing a bunch of our faces."

Muhammad Subh (12)



"I liked them. It meant a lot to our seniors, including me. It was a good way to show our school spirit for the football team."

Myles Simmons (12)

Friday Night Lights are a New Find



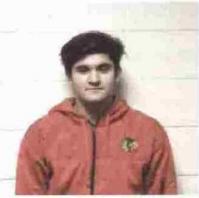
Kenneth Finke (10)

"Varsity's a lot more focused in, the coaches are a lot more serious, and Junior Varsity feels more like an extended practice. You're focusing on the win, there's a lot more people watching you."



Zachary Frye (11)

"The skill level is a lot different between the two. JV is a lot less intense, but compared to Varsity, it's a lot of people trying to get scholarships. So they're a lot bigger, and hit a lot harder."

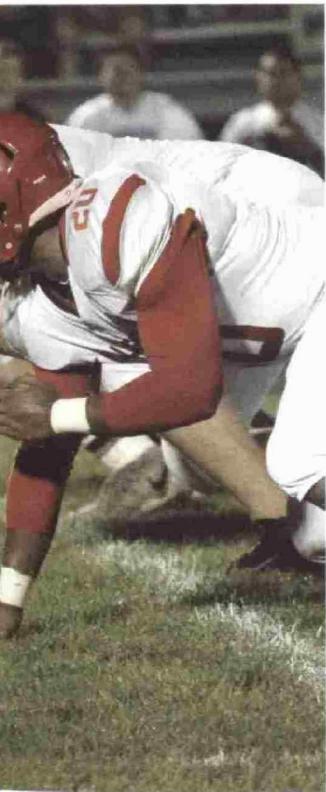


Christian Rios (10)

"People are bigger and a lot more faster, so it's a lot more harder than JV than I expected, but it's easy to get used to it. You just have to work harder. Working harder in the weight room and out on the field."

Looking for open field Trent Slaven (12), runs around Thomas Crowel (12) protecting his front. **Rushing past defenders**, Rafael Rios (12) makes his attempt at the end zone.

Breaking the team banner, the team rushed from the sidelines onto the field for senior night against the Kankakee Valley Cougars.



SATURDAY
Morning Games
Success Starts with the Entire Program



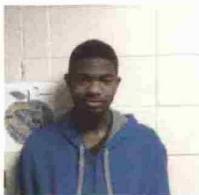
Right in step with the play book, Brandon Hubbard (11) followed the path made by his linemen to advance the ball for a first down. **After finishing a half**, Eian Tiltges (11) made his way to the sidelines to discuss strategy for the second half. **With victory so close**, Ejion Ford (10) congratulated Andrew Barsich (9) on his touchdown. **Before going out** on the field again, Noah Vanhoose (11) took time to hydrate. **As he exited** the field Hugo Miranda (10) looked for his substitute to take his place after the play. **Trying to stay active** with the ball Ethan Litavecz (11) avoided contact.

Freshman Football Highlights



"Crushing Morton, we beat them 14-0 and had a lead in the first quarter. It was really exciting winning our first game."

Dylan Hanson (9)



"The last game, where everything was sitting on the moment where I had to try my best."

Tamerias Hinton (9)



"Getting better, listening to coaches, and practicing with teammates [were highlights.] We just got faster and stronger overall."

George Orona (9)



"Practicing with the varsity, and getting better, because with Coach Koulianios, it's a new type of football we're playing."

Zachary Piech (9)



"Our game against Crown Point. They're one of the biggest teams in the Freshman conference. We were only 14 points behind them, which is really good because they were the top rated school for football."

Ryan Cozad (9)

Varsity			JV		
US	THEM	US	THEM		
Bishop Noll	0	2	Bishop Noll	0	1
Morton	0	7	Morton	1	1
Lake Central	0	4	Lake Central	0	2
Hanover	8	0	Valparaiso	1	2
Valparaiso	4	0	Andrean	2	0
Andrean	4	0	Crown Point	1	2
Crown Point	0	2	Lake Central C-Team	0	0
Lowell	1	0	Chesterton	0	2
Chesterton	0	3	Wheeler	9	1
Wheeler	5	0	Munster	0	2
Munster	2	1	Illiana Christian	2	0
Illiana Christian	4	1	Kankakee Valley	1	0
Kankakee Valley	2	0	Clark	8	1
Clark	3	2	Hobart	4	0
Hobart	3	0			

the SEASON



"I initially joined the soccer team because it is something I've been doing since I was four years old."

Evan Hess (12)



"I played soccer all my life, so it was just natural to take it to the next level. I started playing soccer when I was three."

Bryce Fulkerson (12)



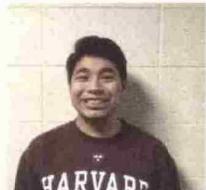
"Everyone plays their own game. It doesn't matter how old or big you are, it just matters how hard you play the game."

Rafael Garcia (12)



"Initially I joined soccer because I wanted to find people who shared the same interest. I like soccer."

Nathaniel Taillon (12)



"To become a varsity player as a freshman you need to not be intimidated by the upper-classmen. You need to show up everyday performing your best. This hard work shows both the coaches and upper-classmen that you mean business. To hold this spot I didn't hold myself above anyone, I trained and worked everyday to make myself better and make an impact on this team."

Kyler Tanis (12)



Arms raised, Nathaniel Taillon (12) threw the ball to his teammates to put the ball back in play. Focused on the task, Anthony Mako (12) swiftly evaded a teammate. With total concentration, Rafael Garcia (12) completely trapped the ball, securing it for his team.



One team
One dream

Defeating Munster

After a couple of years, Highland High School's Boys Varsity Soccer team reclaimed their winning title from Munster High School. The nail-biting game filled the players with adrenaline and the massive crowd with anxiety. The team's support system was exponentially high during the Munster Game due to the attendance from family members, friends, coaches, and students. The soccer players' skills and strategies resulted in a close win of one point. As the crowd screamed their names and the players won their game, family and friends met the players on their field in exhilaration.

A Crowd of Fans

How the student section's support impacted the players performance.



"It gave me a lot more confidence going to the game knowing that all the students came to support me and my team throughout the game."

Victor Cruz (10)

"As a player it made me and the team proud to see so many people come to watch us play."

Aerik Tanis (9)

"They really encouraged us to play harder and to continue even if we were down by a lot."

Joseph Tellez (11)



Tucking the ball close, Mitchell Wagner (11) evaded his opponent. In stride with the opponent, Michael Perry (10) successfully lead away the ball. Wildly moving around, Joseph Sanders (11) held his stride with the ball in his grasp.



Practicing on and off the field Overcoming Obstacles

What obstacle did you face, and how did you overcome it?



"We all think of each other as a family because we all just try to help each other improve over like the practices and the games."

Cameron Dupin (10)



"Getting a starting position on the team [was my obstacle] and I worked hard during practices."

Ian Fulkerson (9)



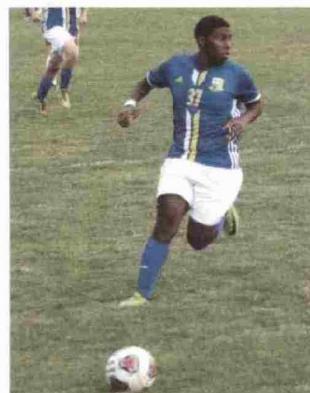
"The biggest obstacle was ourselves. We had to work together as a team and had to learn how to not yell at each other and how to work together as one common goal."

Joshua Rudloff (11)



"One of the biggest obstacles I've encountered this year was getting along with my teammates better and doing better on the field. I overcame getting along with my teammates by not having such a hard head and understanding where they are coming from."

Trevor Young (10)



After making a goal, Liam Lambreg (9) and Fidel Iniguez (11) celebrated with a victorious high five. Playing defensively, Jabari Lones (11) advanced the ball while keeping a watchful eye on the other team. Racing for the ball, Ian Fulkerson (9) struggled to maintain his balance and seize the ball from Andrean's possession.

Playing Junior Varsity

the **PERFECT** SEASON

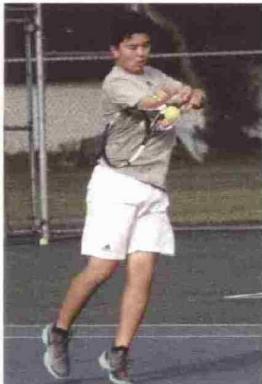
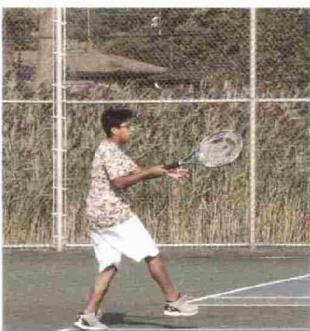
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Michigan City	3	2	Highland	W	L
Merrillville	3	2	HAST	5	0
LaPorte	1	4	Kankakee	5	0
Lake Central	1	4	Portage	W	L
Andrean	5	0	Morton	5	0
Crown Point	0	5	Bishop Noll	5	0
Munster	0	5	Gavit	5	0
Griffith	5	0	Hammond	5	0
Hanover Central	3	2	Munster	0	0

A Winning Streak

The tennis team saw many good things throughout the season, one of the major things to occur was a 12-0 win streak. This streak began at the Griffith match with a 5-0 win. This was a big accomplishment for the team because it took up majority of the season. In total, the tennis team had a total of fifteen wins, and ten of those as 5-0 wins. Boys Tennis played well and proved it with these accomplishments.



With a grimace on his face, Christopher Koutz (12) returned the ball over the net. **In an effort to score** Frederick Kepler (12) swang powerfully and sent the ball flying back to his opponent. **Tongue in cheek,** Zachary Benninghoff (12) lined up the racket with the ball to send it back onto the court of his opponent.



In search of a win, Tyler Scheidt (12) forcefully served the ball but maintained his balance. **Eyes fixed,** Stefan Jacob (12) stayed concentrated on his opponents moves and the ball's direction. **Lined up,** Ishaan Patel (12) was ready to effortlessly return the ball.

**Lining Up
the Next
Shot.**



Seniors
their final season

Most Valuable Player

"I believe that being involved in any sport impacts your schoolwork in some way, same goes for tennis. For me, it was all about being able to finish as much school work as possible throughout the day and leave as little as possible, especially for the nights where there would be matches. Some nights would be fine while others would be brutal, especially when matches would be drawn out later than expected and if we had long bus rides back. The last season most definitely fulfilling. To be able to see each and every individual compete day in day out, learn from one another, and ultimately have a desire to grow as tennis players was truly fulfilling for me. Perhaps it could have been even more fulfilling if we were able to get over the Munster hurdle during sectionals, but that's the beauty of the game." **Meet Patel (12)**

Ready for the serve, Patel (12) concentrated on the match and stayed on the tips of his toes throughout his #1 Singles Match.



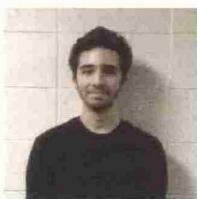
On the Court

Emotions



"I really like the one versus one competitiveness of it and how your skill actually matters for the entirety of the match."

Nolan Turoci (12)



"It's freeing, you're in this little area and you have to run between the lines, it's just you and your opponent."

Logan Brock (10)



"When I step out onto the court a new challenge arises. Every match is an opportunity to win."

Frederick Kepler (12)

Maintaining a good stance, Tyler Scheidt (12) prepared for his next move while having to think quick for the ball was right in front of him. **With eyes focused on** the ball, Martis Sprenne (11) began to move forward in attempt to score on the opponent. **Preparing for what** is coming up, Connor Raab (9) lightly stretched and moved his racket as a warm up before the match began.



"The ups of tennis are winning and being with your team, celebrating. The downs are losing, but the team supports you the entire way."

Michael Burns (9)



"The ups of tennis are that it is a really fun sport to play but the downs is that it is usually insanely hot outside for a solid part of the season."

Satyavsh Arya (10)



"There are a lot of ups. Everything about tennis to me is fun. The only part I don't exactly like is working out outside of practice, but that's a personal choice. It's more for personal gain."

Shivam Patel (10)



"Some of the ups of tennis are you get a lot of exercise and you're really active. Some of the downsides are you have to get up really early for practice and only get one day off."

Lan New (10)

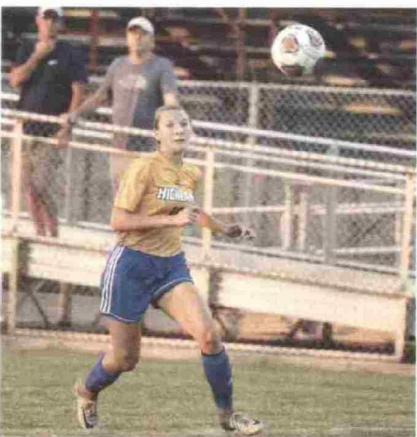


"Some of the ups would be that it's a really relaxed environment and it's not super strict. Some of downs are that because it's not super strict you don't really feel like you're being pushed and not really improving."

Jason Merkel (10)



The Ups and the Downs



Eyes forward, Lauren Wilson (9) watched the ball fly through the air before racing towards it to score a goal. **Right in Step** with the Merrillville Pirates player, Shianne Moore (9) advanced the ball towards the goal as she remained nonchalant despite the pressure from the opponent.



Heart set on winning

Pasta Party bonding with carbs

The festive tradition of pasta parties did not fall short during the 2018 season. Before every home game, the girls would gather at one of the soccer mom's house to celebrate. Additionally, a pasta party was held before the Munster Jamboree and before sectionals. This helped the girls gain some energy as well as spend time and grow a closer bond with teammates. During soccer games and practices, Varsity practices together while Junior Varsity practices together. However, during pasta parties junior varsity and varsity are all together to party. It was common for the girls to record Snapchat videos of each other having fun, singing karaoke, and laughing hysterically.

"I loved them! We had so much fun, and it is gonna be one of the things I'm gonna miss the most."

Jamie Gessler (12)

"They helped us get together and get to know each other while we were eating. It is a 2 in 1, first being food and second getting to know each other. I definitely enjoyed them. The food was great, and seeing how we could all still have fun off the field was good too."

Hailey Childress (11)

"A lot of the moms described it as tornadoes because we came in and ate pounds of mac and cheese and food and we talked for a half an hour. Then we all just went home and sped off in our cars. Shaw's mom had karaoke, it was so much fun! The parents themselves had a little competition on who had the best pasta party."

Audrey Gregory (11)

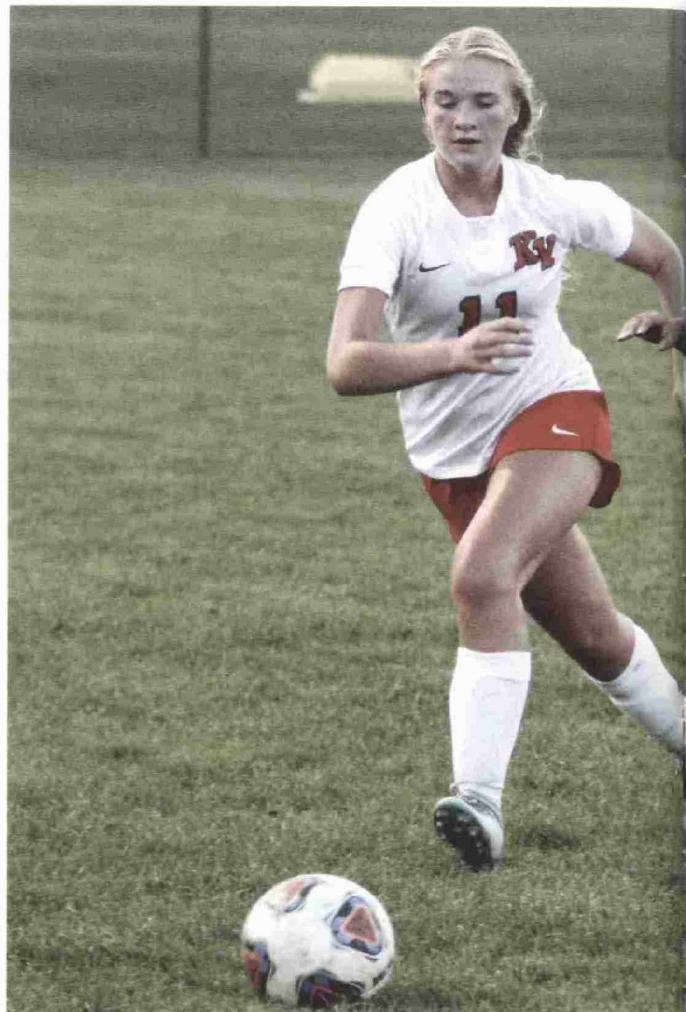
the SEASON

Varsity

	US	THEM
Crown Point	3	7
Lafayette Jeff	8	0
Merrillville	8	0
Andrean	4	0
Wheeler	2	6
Lowell	7	1
Michigan City	6	0
Griffith	0	0
Munster	0	1
Illiana Christian	5	2
Chesterton	0	3
Kankakee Valley	5	0
Portage	0	0
Hanover Central	6	0
Hobart	3	2

JV

	US	THEM
Crown Point	0	3
Lafayette	0	0
Merrillville	5	0
Andrean	5	0
Wheeler	2	6
Lowell	4	0
Griffith	4	0
Munster	0	0
Chesterton	0	2
Portage	0	0
Hanover Central	1	0
Hobart	4	1



Focused on the ball, Jaquelyne Arellano (11) swooped in swiftly to get the ball before the opposing team had possession. **Taking advantage of** the freedom, Kendal Carrubba (9) powerfully passed the ball off to her teammate. **Waiting for the** perfect time to steal the ball, Sarah Manning (12) held back before attempting to swipe the ball from the opponent.

Taking on the necessary means to score, Maegan Shaw (10) took a fierce sprint towards the opponent's goal. **Diving forward** with her hands outreached, Morgan Rinkema (12) fulfilled her duty as a goalie by successfully preventing the opponent's ball from entering the goal and immediately putting the ball back in play.

4 year varsity Always On Top

After playing soccer for nearly 15 years and practicing for hundreds of hours, Jenna Turpin (12) had entered high school as an excellent soccer player and was effortlessly able to earn herself a spot on the Varsity team as only a freshman. "I've played soccer since I was three, and I love playing Varsity soccer. It's the greatest feeling, being able to run out and get announced. Playing under the lights of the soccer field. My favorite feeling in the world."



"Well the loss of like some of the players were in positions that we really needed so then the positions had less people to fill in for them. We were missing a striker for some of it and I think that we really could have used the one"

Breanna Burbridge (10)

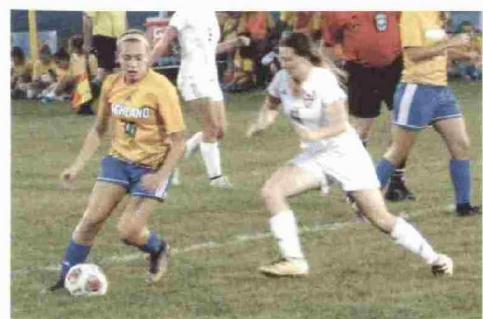
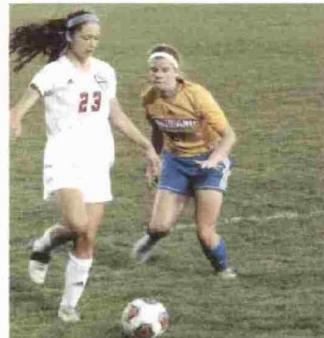


"It affected the amount of people we had and to finish the chance we had scoring but other than that it didn't affect much. We just all worked together and moved some positions."

Alina Wilson (10)

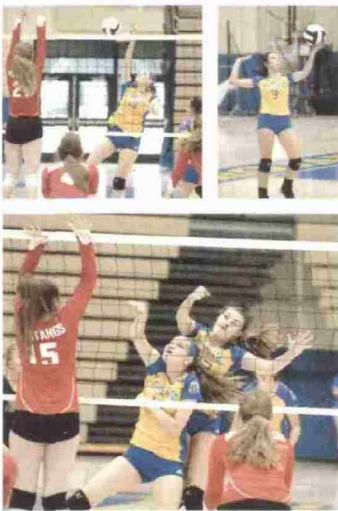
Losing Players

Injuries were to blame for the loss of some players on the soccer team. This affected the team; however, the girls persevered and gave their best efforts for the rest of the season despite the challenge.



Junior Varsity Bringing the fire

	Us	Them
Portage	0	3
West Lafayette	1	2
Hanover Central	2	0
Prairie Heights	2	1
Washington T.	2	0
Lake Central	0	3
Hobart	3	0
Andrean	0	3
Whiting	3	0
Lowell	3	1
Bishop Noll	0	3
Kankakee Valley	3	0
Chesterton	1	3
Hammond	3	0
Munster	0	3
Andrean	2	3
Hammond Gavit	3	0
Hobart	3	1
Hanover Central	1	3
Valparaiso	1	3
Michigan City	0	3
Lowell	3	0
Kankakee Valley	3	2
Illiana Christian	1	3
Griffith	3	0
Munster	0	3
Munster	0	3
JV	Us	Them
Portage	2	1
Lake Central	0	2
Chesterton	1	2
Harrison	0	2
Lake Central	0	2
Hobart	2	1
Andrean	0	2
Whiting	2	0
Lowell	1	2
Bishop Noll	1	2
Kankakee Valley	2	0
Chesterton	0	2
Hammond High	2	0
Munster	0	2
Andrean	0	2
Gavit	2	0
Hobart	2	0
Hanover	0	2
Lowell	2	1
Kankakee Valley	2	1
Illiana Christian	1	2
Griffith	0	2
Munster	0	2
Munster	0	2
Valparaiso	0	2
Lowell	1	2
Morton	0	2



All Out All Game All Season



As she jumped in the air, Chloe Churilla (9) attempted to score against the other team who tried desperately to block her.

With eyes focused on the ball, Ariel Cassell (9) attempted to get an ace.

Ready to block the ball, Danielle Opitz (11) and her teammate worked together to prevent the other team from scoring.

Bewilderment fills the face of Garan Grider (11) and her confusion as Angelica Castillo (9) and Katherine Brankin (11) look on with laughter.

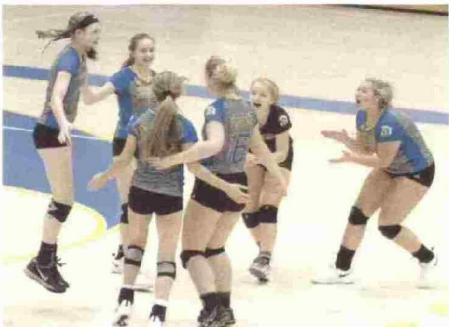
Served Up



Mirroring each other, Grider and Brankin stayed on the tips of their toes while the ball was in play. Studying the server, Sophia Johnston (9) waited patiently as she prepared for the ball to come her way.



The Bold Blue Way of Celebrating



Working as a team to make dreams come true

All coming together and cheering loudly, the girls couldn't help but celebrate after working together to gain the upper hand during the match versus Munster. Like other sports, friendly rivalries between Highland and Munster had always made for very intense and exciting sports matches or games.



"I felt like I did really good this year along with my team. Most of my hits went into the net so I had to practice at home. [I'm proud of] my friend Hillary Martinez (10) because she is a foreign exchange student and she came here not really knowing anybody or what to do and we taught her and she did really good!"

Marissa Schneider (10)



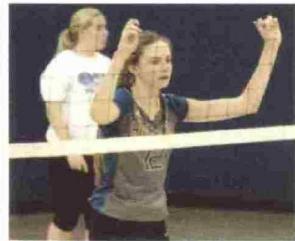
"I never played volleyball before so making the team is an accomplishment that I am proud of. My biggest obstacle was my shoulder coming out of its socket when I hit or when I served. I overcame this by getting a brace and doing daily exercises so that it would get stronger."

Audrey Vanderhoek (9)

for Success



Jumping out of their seats and cheering out of the top of their lungs, the Varsity team forced the Munster Mustangs to take a time out after tying the score in the first game.



"The biggest obstacle was over the summer, right before tryouts, I dislocated the side of my knee. It was really hard because I never really had an injury and really didn't know what to do. I am proud of Chloe Churilla because I love watching her grow."

Maggie Carstensen (10)

"My biggest obstacle is hitting. I tried hard at practice to get better, and I did, but I'm not at my best. [I'm proud of] Vanderhoek because even with her shoulder that has popped out at practice, she still managed to dive for the ball and play good."

Angelina Zekavica (9)



Kayla Harwood (9)
"I'm proud of myself for learning all of the plays for the first time as a setter and getting used to playing with new people."

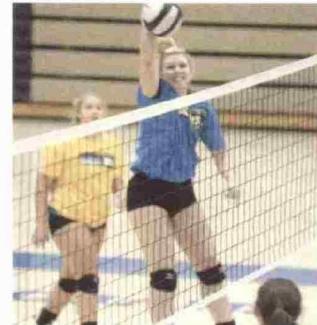
Vanessa Covarrubias (9)
"When we have practices I really have my mindset ready to be at my best so I can just do my thing."



Highland C Team

Us	Them	
Valparaiso	0	2
Boone Grove	1	2
Griffith (JV)	0	2
Lake Central	0	2
Hobart	2	1
Andrean	0	2
Whiting	2	0
Lowell	1	2
Bishop Noll	0	2
Kankakee Valley	2	0
Chesterton	2	0
Portage	0	2
Andrean	0	2
Crown Point	0	2
Lowell	0	2
Munster	0	2
Andrean	0	2
Hobart	2	0
Hanover	2	0
Lowell	1	2
Kankakee Valley	0	2
Illiana	2	0
Griffith	2	0
Munster	0	2

class of
2019 Seniors



Jumping high in the air, Delia Curtis (12) played middle hitter and fulfilled her duty by perfectly executing the kill during pregame warm ups. Dropping down onto her knees with arms outstretched, Katelyn Bedka (12) dove to prevent the Mustangs from scoring and to bump the ball up to her setter to keep the ball in play. In anticipation of a final game in the field house, Bedka and Curtis prepared to play their hardest.

Domination of the Court

A Righteous Season

At the free throw line with full concentration, Kyle Dempsey (10) steadied his breathing and locked in his focus before shooting the free throw. With the ball at the tips of his fingers, William Vanator (10) regained possession of the ball mid-air that slipped from his grasp.



*Feeling the grove of
being a Team*



"I felt most like a team on our game at Calumet. We put in a whole new offense the week before that game. We went into overtime and lost. We all bought into the game plan and almost won."

Warren Kovacek (11)



"Hustle. You have to show the coaches that you wanna make the team and every little thing matters like all the little things they care about, the little things like the things that take no skill you have to be good at."

Mohammad Issa (10)

THE SEASON

Varsity

	Us	Them
Portage	49	59
River Forest	50	62
Hammond High	72	73
Whiting	65	71
Illiana Christian	55	60
Chesterton	46	72
Wheeler	50	43
Hammond Gavit	74	71
Munster	26	59
South Bend	49	56
Lowell	34	56
Lake Central	44	65
Munster	49	82
Lake Station	65	68
Andrean	47	78
Kankakee Valley	52	68
Hammond Gavit	53	44
Hanover	69	60
Hammond Clark	61	37
Griffith	46	64
Bishop Noll	52	84
Hobart	27	41
Calumet	24	31
*EC Central	43	63

*Denotes Sectionals

Junior Varsity

	Us	Them
Portage	30	44
River Forest	27	22
Hammond High	46	34
Whiting	75	7
Illiana Christian	50	28
Chesterton	25	40
Wheeler	61	25
Hammond Gavit	40	28
Munster	43	54
Lowell	33	24
Lake Central	37	45
Munster	29	37
Lake Station	37	43
Andrean	30	49
Kankakee Valley	56	51
Hammond Gavit	45	41
Hanover	46	40
Hammond Clark	40	21
Griffith	44	25
Bishop Noll	54	25
Hobart	24	28
Calumet	34	32

C Team

Chesterton	L
Griffith	W
Thea Bowman	W
Bishop Noll	L
Hammond High	W
Munster	W
Lowell	W
Boone Grove	W
Kankakee Valley	L
Hobart	L
Portage	L
Hanover Central	W
Andrean	W
Morton	L
Illiana	L
Hanover Central	L

"All the times that I had to guard Scheidt and Warren Kovacek during practices made me a better player. Guarding smaller and less skilled JV players was easier."

Austin Pizer (10)

"Going out and winning thirteen games while having fun playing as a team every night made it worth going to practice and battling against varsity all season long."

Andrew Scott (11)

"The hardest part about playing basketball probably are the practices. It seems like we did so much running, so much work involved, and it was really tiring on us. some of us got injured throughout the year."

Gavin Hofkamp (9)

C-TEAM

US	THEM
15 Gary West Side	24
25 Portage	43
29 Chesterton	35
19 Munster	31
26 Griffith	24
19 Hanover Central	13
14 Lake Central	35
27 Munster	38

The C-TEAM



Carefully considering the situation of the game, Andrea Felix (10) took her time at the line. **Ready to jump** Danielle Rubalcaba (9) hooked the ball up towards the glass.



"Just thinking about the next game and seeing what I had to focus on to get better. Working with other people because I want to be a teacher so working with others and making sure we are all doing what we need to do."

Zelyah Barajas (9)



"My teammates and coaches were always there to keep me motivated they always gave us a little confident boost on how we can get better and told us the stuff we need to work on. We knew by the next game Basketball had taught me really good teamwork. I use this for other sports and group work."

Audrey Vanderhoek (9)

SCORES

JUNIOR VARSITY

	Us	Them
Chesterton	19	43
Bishop Noll	29	25
Gary West Side	30	29
Hanover Central	32	41
Kankakee Valley	23	49
Hammon Gavit	34	15
Andreasen	17	27
Valparaiso	14	58
East Chicago Central	18	26
Crown Point	18	67
Lowell	12	48
Illiana Christian	26	28
Michigan City	18	41
Hammond High	28	16
Hobart	32	29
Hammond Clark	32	5
Hammond Morton	19	35
Griffith	29	22
Munster	20	33
Whiting	40	17

RECORD 10-12

Varsity Girls Basketball

	Us	Them
Chesterton	31	32
Bishop Noll	57	63
Gary West Side	88	92
Hanover Central	47	28
Kankakee Valley	36	54
Lake Central	37	51
Hammond Gavit	70	37
Andreasen	34	40
Valparaiso	27	46
East Chicago Central	27	37
Crown Point	24	60
Lowell	51	32
Illiana Christian	45	32
Michigan City	41	62
Hammond High	60	23
Hobart	44	34
Hammond Clark	63	17
Hammond Morton	38	23
Griffith	40	24
Munster	35	37
Whiting	44	45
Munster	41	30
Crown Point	31	58

RECORD 10-13



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball



Taking a deep breath, Zelyah Barajas (9) was determined to accept contact to get placed on the line for two free throws.

Eyes forward Grace Melby (10) dribbled the ball with absolute focus on her teammates who were set up to execute the play.

Determined to get the ball into the net, Audrey Vanderhoek (9) prepared to lay the ball off the glass. **Focused on her strides**,

Selena Perez (9) pushed the ball in transition. **With hair flying**, Carly Kuva (9) changed the side she faces, looking for an open pass.



To Secure her position before making another move, Ariana Flores (12) waited patiently for an off the ball screen to clear the lane. **With her sites**

On getting the ball to the hoop, Mackenzie Pickens (12) set out to pivot around her defender. **Carefully watching the basket**, Michaela Schmidt (12) prepared herself to score a basket and draw the foul.





"I should not rely so much on myself to improve my weaknesses as I progressed through the season. My teammates and coaches were able to teach me that everyone has their weak areas, but as a team we could help compensate each other as needed."

Kayla Robinson (9)



"I tried to keep my spirits up [after losing] and reminded myself that it is just a game and I can't focus on the loss and focus more on winning in the future. Basketball has taught me to keep trying even if I fail because things do get better eventually."

Danielle Rubalcaba (10)

#3 in the HISTORY

Schmidt Scores Her 1,000th Point



Caught in the spirit of her one thousandth point Michaela Schmidt (12) gave one of her biggest and brightest grins, her hand up reached to her ear as if she cannot hear the cheering fans that had already given each and every ounce of their support on this journey to reaching this huge milestone. Being number three in history is not some small deal.



With a look of determination on her face, Morgan Rinkema (12) moved swiftly to get away from her defender. In search of a way to initiate a ball screen, Chloe Churilla (9) dribbled towards a teammate. To get ready for a post feed, Amanda Cruse (11) attacked the key to pull the defense towards her and open a teammate.



"I took junior year off to have a break from sports and came back for my senior year. Unfortunately I injured my knee in the LC game and wasn't able to play the remainder of the season. I wish things would have been different."

Cecilia Silva (12)



"Pickens was typically my partner during drills this season so we had developed a connection with each other. I felt honored that she chose me to give her senior speech for senior night."

Breanna Burbridge (10)



"Some memorable moments I had were watching Michaela Schmidt earn her thousand points and watching my teammates play. I choose to play basketball because I've been playing it since eighth grade."

Makayla Pawlak (11)



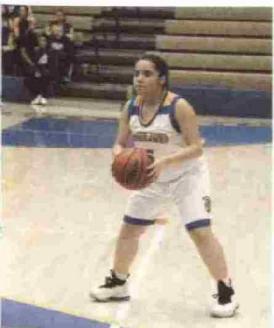
"Our win against Munster during sectionals was good and one of my favorite memories of the season. After losing to them during the regular season it was good win for us to meet Crown Point in the sectional finals."

Chloe Churilla (9)



"Senior Night was really memorable because we all really enjoyed having the seniors with us. I personally just think basketball is a lot of fun and i enjoy being with the girls on the team."

Grace Aurand (11)



MEMORABLE MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

Each athlete on each level has a variety of memories that stand out. Whether it was a practice, game or locker room moment they made for a great season.



"I would recommend swimming because its a challenging sport and you really learn a lot of lessons that you can use later on in life from the coach and you have to work hard in swimming in general to do it."

Logan Juran (12)



"My favorite memory is the sectionals meet last year because I dropped 30 seconds in the 500 yard freestyle relay."

Jacob Simmons (12)



"My favorite memory is when me and some of my teammates went to BC Osaka to hang out and eat. It was really fun to just be able to socialize and get to know them better."

David Mendoza (12)



"I like swimming because it gives you a big challenge for physical activity, and the real reason I joined was to take a break from running but I realized that I should have joined freshman year."

Matthew Roach (12)



"I would recommend swimming to others because you feel so good doing really well at sectionals after working so hard all season. Its a great pay off and big meets like sectionals are so much fun."

Marissa Moore (12)



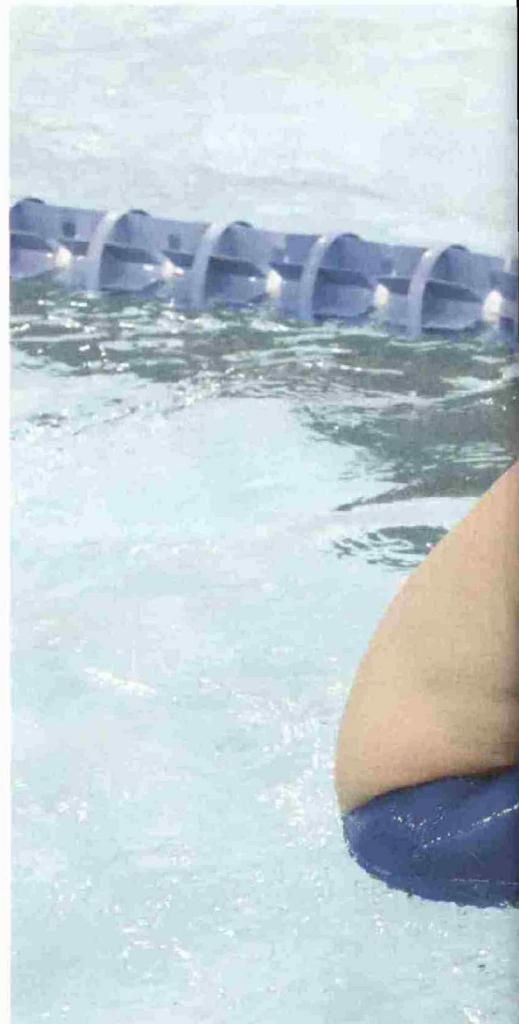
"I would recommend swimming because its a good way to get your body and mind in shape. Its a good aerobic sport, you gotta work your arms and legs at the same time."

Ethan Churilla (12)

Working In and Out of the Pool

With her sights on the pool, Alexandra Rose (11) cheered on her teammate. **Holding the lap counter** Joseph Klapkowski (10) helped the swimmer with the 500 yard freestyle.

Having the support of the team, Matthew Roach (12) swam the 100 yard freestyle. **To secure her place** in the event, Chloe Churilla (9) attempted to finish strong. **In an effort to stay in the lead**, Jhovany Leon Vazquez (11) swam his hardest in the 100 yard butterfly.



Gasping for a breath Elise Gluth (11) swam a strong event in the 100 yard freestyle. **With arms outstretched** Rachel Stange (11) prepared for her leg in the relay with teammate Emily Marvel (11) by her side.

New to the FAMILY

All are welcome in the pool.

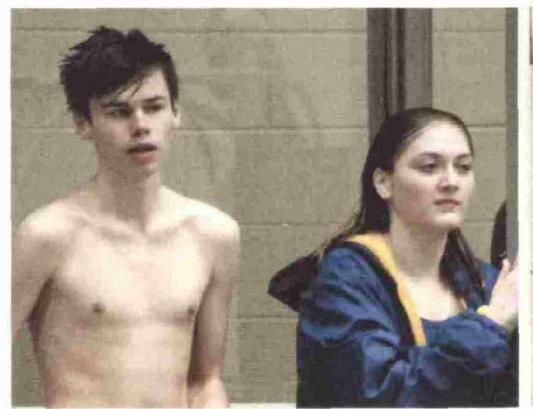


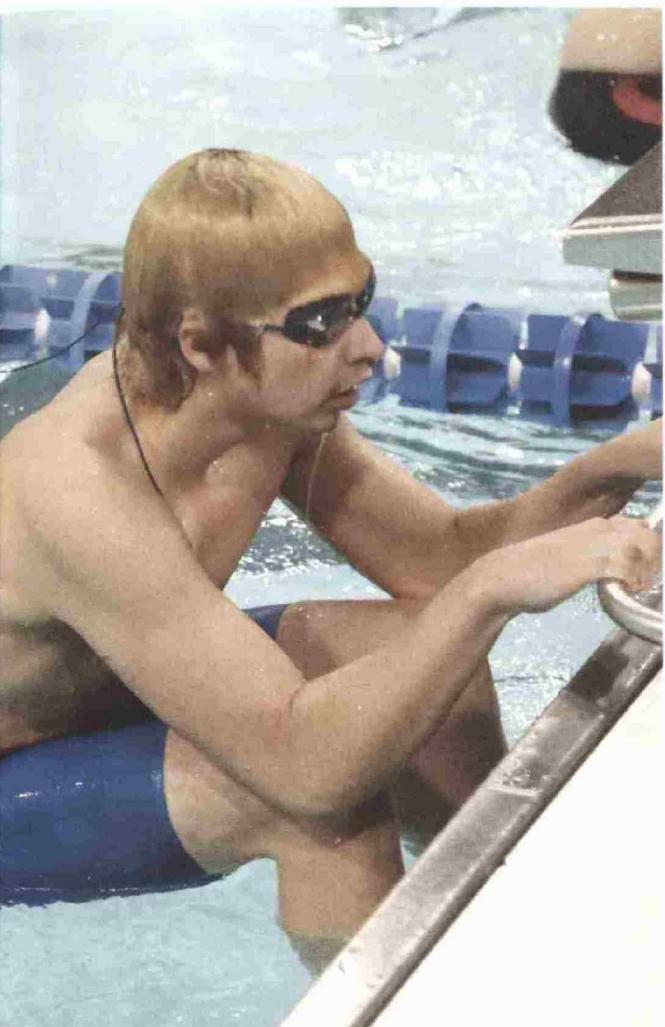
"It sounded like it'd be fun. I've gotten closer with the team through just hanging out with each other and spending time talking during practice."

Luke Rhoades (10)

"I've been swimming my entire life and my sister swam and said the team was really close and nice, so I thought it was something that I wanted to do. We do team bonding and once you hang out with someone you become closer to them."

Rachel Krick (9)





Trying to stay in focus, Benjamin Ayon (10) prepared to swim his backstroke. **Ready to go**, Joshua Johnston (11) prepared to jump off the block and into the pool.

Fighting the fatigue, Marissa Moore (12) kept her pace as she worked to finish the 500 freestyle event.



In need of a rest Joshua Krull (12) and Molly Rebeys (10) stand by the side of the pool and waited for the other divers to finish. **In preparation** for her dive, Hollie Fox (10) walked out onto the diving board.

Reaching Goals Means Swimmers are State Bound and Down



Rarely found deserted, Ethan Churilla (12) made his way onto the podium at IUPUI after placing second in the 50 and 100 yard free while teammates, family and friends applauded his school record breaking outcomes.



Forcefully swinging her arms around her head, Mya Bailey (9) swam strong in the 100 yard Butterfly. Bailey's backstroke was even stronger leading her to a tenth place finish at the state meet as a freshman.



With a smile on their faces, Mya Bailey (10), Emily Marvel (11), Raquel Davila (10) and Rachel Stange (10) posed for a picture together to celebrate their advancement to the state meet.

	Boys	
	US	THEM
Lowell	L	W
Lake Central	L	W
Crown Point	L	W
Munster	L	W
Hobart	L	W
Valparaiso	L	W
Kankakee Valley	W	L
Griffith	W	L
Morton	W	L
Merrillville	W	L
Portage	W	L
LaPorte	W	L

	Girls	
	US	THEM
Chesterton	L	W
Valparaiso	L	W
Lowell	L	W
Lake Central	L	W
Crown Point	L	W
Hobart	L	W
Munster	L	W
Kankakee Valley	W	L
Merrillville	W	L
Griffith	W	L
Morton	W	L
LaPorte	W	L
Portage	W	L

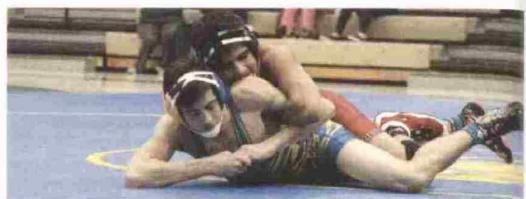
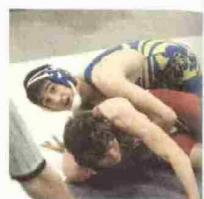
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COACHING WRESTLERS ON AND OFF THE MAT

With a wealth of wrestling experience in their pasts, coaches passed down their expertise to the team.

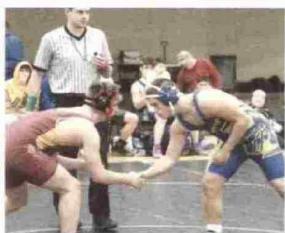
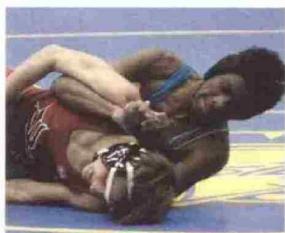
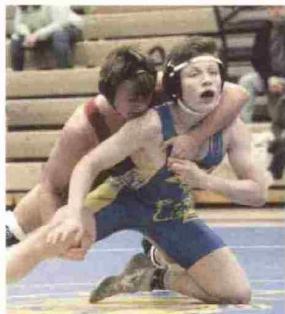
Taking advantage of the knowledge and athleticism on staff, team members were able to develop a comfort level with competitive wrestling moves that coaches drilled at practice prior to a meet. With guiding expertise, matches were found successful by encouraging individuals while on the mat with suggestions of moves, techniques, and motivation.



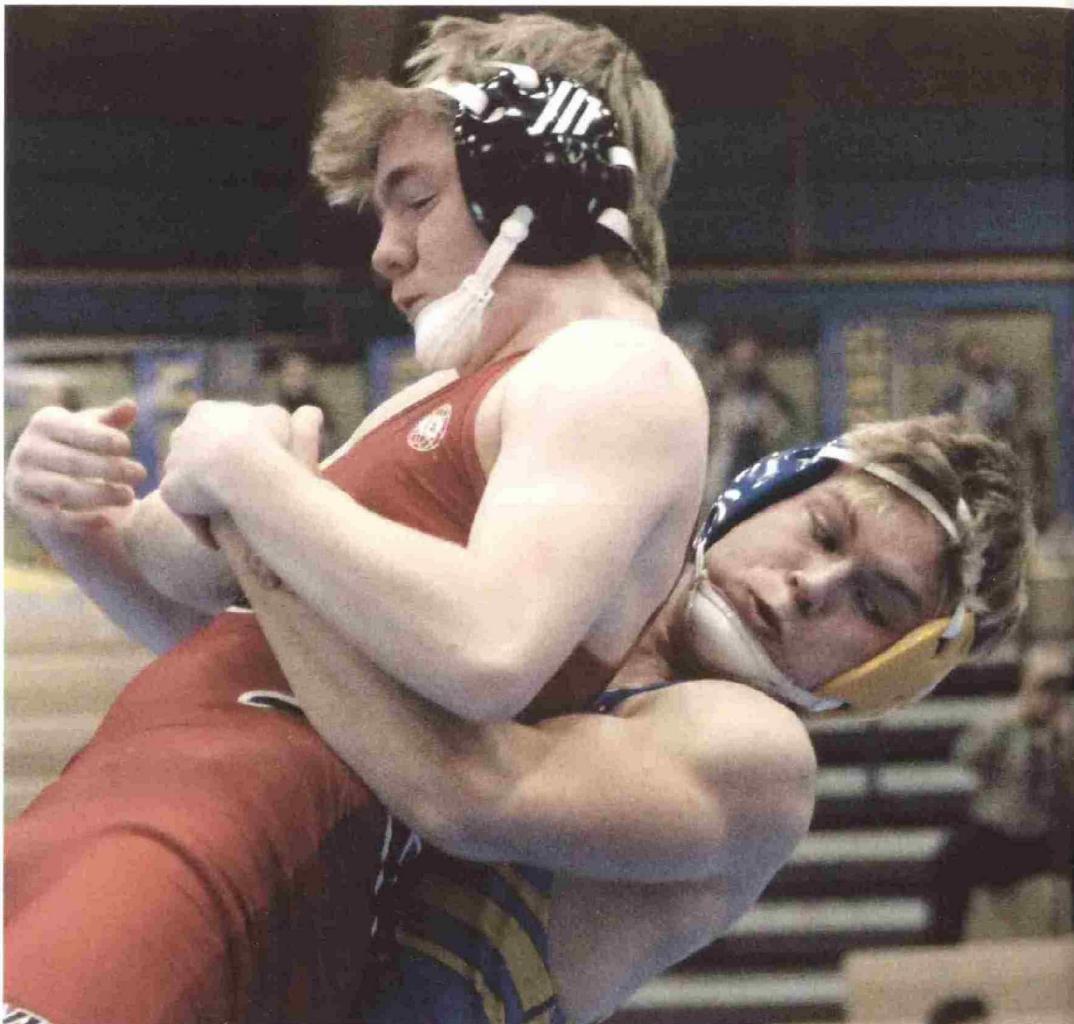
Tangled up on the mat, Jesse Herrera (10) used his season to help him develop wrestling moves into the post season.

Twisting into a victory, Julian Gray (9) subjected his opponent to a power half nelson to claim victory.

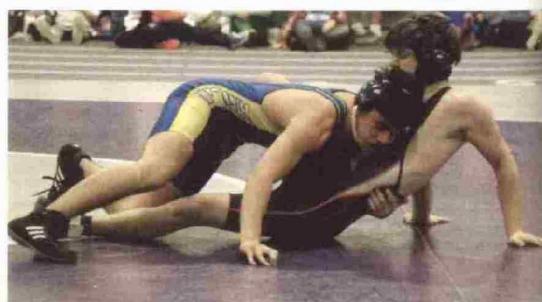
Preparing to take advantage of gaining points, Andrew Barsich (9) lowered his level to bast double.



ONLY THREE
Make their way to
Frosh/Soph STATE FINALS
at the conclusion of their season.



Forcefully holding his ground Rodolfo Ortega (11) did everything in his power to not get defeated. **Sweeping his opponent off of his feet**, Samuel Perez (11) made it possible to gain points in his match.



Advancing as far as state

Following his coach's advice, Justin Bogner (11) took down his opponent. Looking up toward his coach, Adam Ahmad (11) listened closely to their call for his next move. With a look of determination, Bogner strongly held onto the opponent to complete a takedown. To obtain a point, Ahmad attempted to break out of the opponent's grasp.



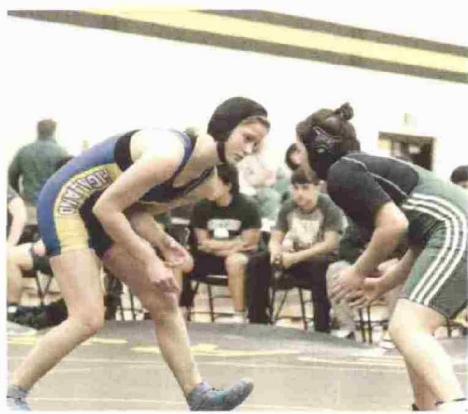
Girls are Tough Too

Searching for victory

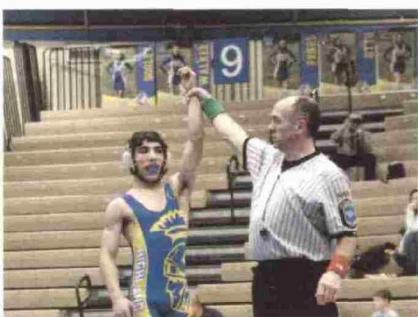
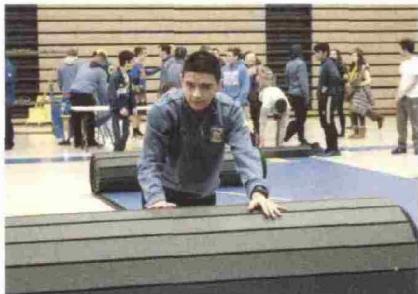
Gabriella Marks (12) focused on a mental game plan as she advanced her way to a 3rd place finish at Girls State.

Reaching for a state championship.

Leah Bishop (10) wrestled just short for the season and ended with a 2nd place award.



As final part of finishing his match Cody LeNeave (11) grabbed his opponent to take him down. Getting ready for the end of the match, Juan Altamirano (9) rolled up a mat. After completing the match, Cosme Herrera (9) was awarded a win.



SEASON RESULTS

SEASON SUMMARY

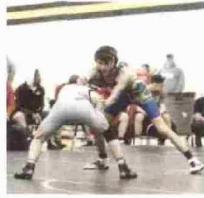
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Munster	51	20
Harrison	15	61
Clay	52	24
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Penn	33	42
Hammond Morton	28	20
Lowell	21	55
Hobart	9	64
Whiting	48	30
Knox	66	6
Hobart	50	27
Hammond Gavit	27	45
Andrean	49	24
Whiting	76	6
Hammond Clark	57	14
Griffith	57	24
River Forest	34	45
Portage	24	48
Wheeler	54	21
LC Harvest Classic 9th/16 teams		
Lake County Trny. 8th/21 teams		
NCC Meet 4th/6 teams		

"This youthful group had a great work ethic and through their hard work and dedication these wrestlers and this team looks promising for several years."

- Mr. Christopher Kirincic

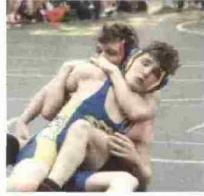
"To help me get prepared I went over in my own corner and tried to focus on what I was trying to do during the match. My coaches continued to yell what to do throughout my match."

Joseph Opitz (9)



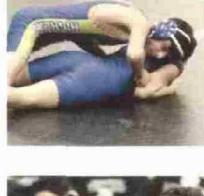
"I got support from my coaches that were on the corner [of the mat]. I felt better than before [the match] because I wasn't as nervous after."

Storm Foreman (9)



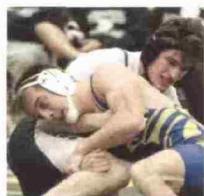
"My opponent from Hobart was a really good wrestler and had a lot of technique. [To get prepared] I cleared my head and focused on one thing. I put on my music and took a seat."

Adam Ackermann (10)



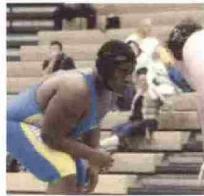
"The coaches gave me a lot of support. They were yelling out that really helped me through it and all my teammate were encouraging me."

Rudis Sprenne (11)



"Lowell's heavyweight was the strongest I faced. I was angry after walking off the mat because I could have done better if I had not hesitated. I never got another chance to wrestle him again."

O'Cyrus Taylor (12)

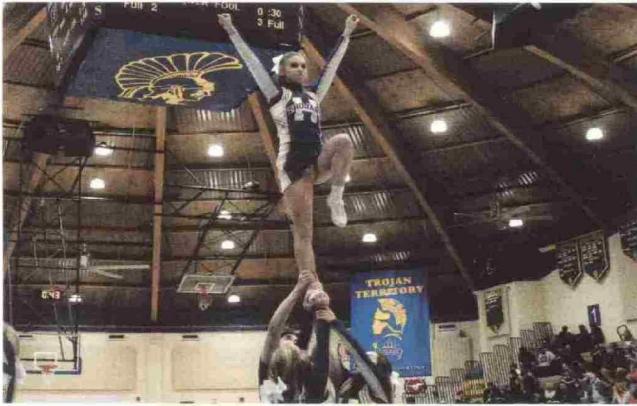
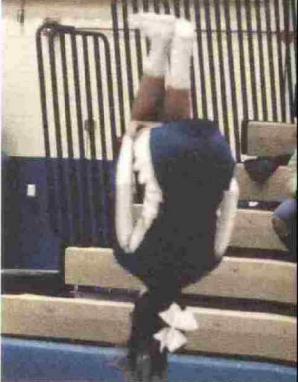


Wrestling...a team sport that leaves you on the mat alone.

Wrestlers saw their share of competition of all levels throughout the season. What kept them going to the mat every time was a strong mindset.



Before landing,
Angelyna Otto (12)
completed a back
handspring during a
time out at a basketball
game. **Caught in the**
spirit of the school
song played by the pep
band, the cheerleaders
performed the school
song routine at a
basketball game.



**It's hard to be
humble
when you can
jump,
stunt,
and
tumble.**

With victory in sight, the cheerleaders performed at the halftime of the homecoming game. In anticipation of a perfect stunt, the group prepared for a solid full liberty during the Andean basketball game. While looking at the field, the cheerleaders shared their enthusiasm with the football team during a home football game. Stopping to stunt, Ella Crowel (12), Angelyna Otto (12) and Joseph Kerber (11) lifted Jordyn Dooley (12) into a liberty during halftime of a boys basketball game. Surrounded by the entire group of cheerleaders, Cloe Schipper (11) escorted her team around the track of the outdoor community homecoming parade.



"[The coaches] would tell me 'you could do it, you could do it,' to make me be more confident. They always tell me I can do it no matter what. [The coaches and team] helps me do better as a cheerleader."

Analisa Rosales (10)

Keeping Spirits High

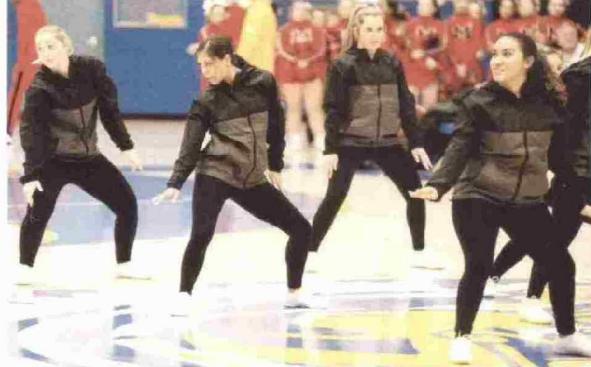


Accompanied by so many strong friendships, Makenzie Marwitz (12) hugged her team little sister Paige Lecea (10) on senior night. **Putting on a breath taking performance**, Hailey Lecea (9), Paige Gora (12), Aylin Chavez (11), Makenzie Marwitz (12) and Julia Hamilton (11) stun the crowd into silence and awe with their pom routine.



During the Wizard of Oz themed pep rally, Isabelle Gomez (9) and Hailey Lecea (9) excited the crowd before the homecoming game by dancing in their dance team uniform and Dorothy outfit. **With sass and vigor**, the Sapphires show the gym what they are really made of. **Due to their hardwork** and effort, the Sapphires won 2nd place at Regionals and later went on and won 7th place at State.

Standing in the line of dancers, Analyce Alcaraz (11) gleamed with enthusiasm on the court side at the Boys Basketball Game.



A Reason to Dance

Of all the activities offered here at Highland High School, what made you want to join

the Sapphires?



"I have been on the team 3 years, since sophomore year. I just wanted to do dance and do a sport. The team was basically just a family and I really liked being apart of it. We are all there for each other. We practice tuesday and Thursday and lately its been 3:30 to 7:30. It's kinda exhausting but it helps because we only practice 2 times a week. I did dance my 7th and 8th grade year. It's kinda nerve racking but it's fun being with my team and just getting support from everybody."

Paige Gora (12)



"This is my second year, I danced my whole life and cheered so I wanted to be apart of something in school. I love it, its what I love to do. I love everyone on the team and I love dancing. We practice 4 hours Tuesday and Thursday. It's tiring but it's worth it in the end. I've gotten less shy, I'm more social. I've gotten my double turn in dance and I feel like I've gotten better. It doesn't matter where you end up it's the journey along."

Erin Zehner (11)



"I wanted to make new friends and just be more involved in school. The people that were on the team, that's where I made my few best friends is the Sapphires, and now we are like just best friends. The skills I have gained is I've become more outgoing and as a person it has made me more positive towards others like optimistic and less fearful of things. Before we go on we have an energy circle and we link arms and our hands and just start screaming things that we want to improve or focus on when we dance so maybe like facials or things we should work on when dancing."

Makenzie Marwitz (12)



"I danced when I was younger for a while but then I stopped and when I got to high school I picked it back up and it's been fun ever since. It's kinda nerve racking but it's super fun in the end to get everyone all pumped and see everyone. [I've gained] leadership because they challenge us to take on roles that we wouldn't normally do and just taught a lot of responsibility. We always talk about how our competitors are always pushing for their highest goals so we always want to make sure we are striving for the best."

Kiara Robinson (12)

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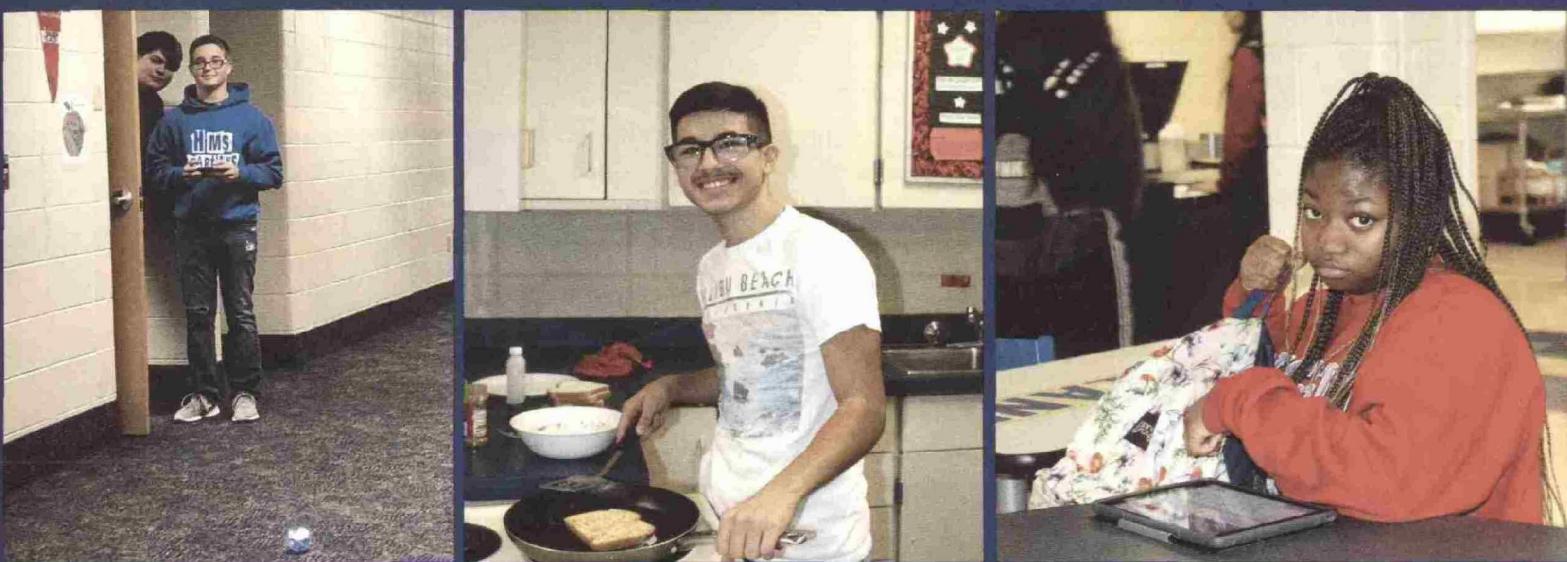
**PURSUE
OUR GOALS
IF WE HAVE
THE
STRENGTH
TO DO SO."**

Julia Hamilton (11)



Making a Way Through the Crowd

Paying attention to detail on his art project, Lan New (10) worked on completing his project for Mr. Marc Ryser's 2D Art class. Instead of typical educational learning, Jack Banasiak (10) and Hunter Rosinko (11) were able to navigate the Sphero around the math hallway during the Student Tech Mentor taught by Mrs. Tracie Mezera-Juarez. In anticipation of a delicious french toast breakfast, Elijah Montanez (11) prepared his feast with cinnamon flavoring. Accompanied by her iPad, Jael Smith (10) utilized her remaining time during lunch to complete an assignment in Google Classroom.

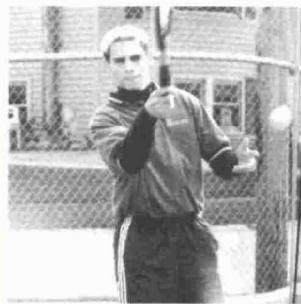


WAY



Most Likely to Become President
Greg Manus & Caitlin Ryder

Biggest Flirt
Tim Usher & Janine Diaz



Surrounded by other freshmen, Mr. David Bedka was excited for another day of Physical Education class at Highland High School. **Accompanied by** a classmate,

Ms. Janine Diaz took a senior best photo in the courtyard. **In order to** win his race, Mr. Anthony Belli leaped over the hurdles in a home track meet during his freshman year. **While taking** a breather during a timeout, Mr. Eric Beard listened to the advice of a coach during a home basketball game. **To create the** look of the times Mr. Eric Beard posed for his school portrait during his junior year to commemorate "What a Long, Strange Trip it's Been."

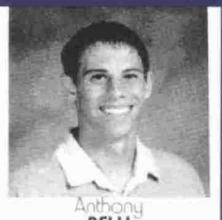
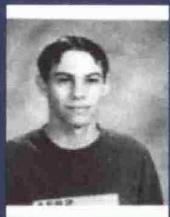


The WAY Through His Journey



Fall of 1998 Mr. Anthony Belli entered his freshman year of high school here at HHS.

Participating in Tennis, Basketball and Track & Field, Belli kept himself busy.



"Academically, it took a bit to recognize that I needed to be on a better track so that I could stay on the path to graduate on time," said Belli.

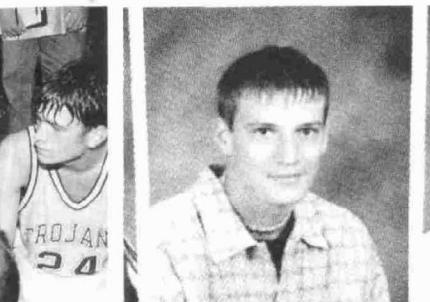
From Student to Staff

"I do see a lot of myself, and I am able to use my own experiences to share where I've come from."



Carefully considering the placement of his hit, Mr. Anthony Belli worked to win his tennis match. As senior Mr. David Bedka ended his high school career, he knew that he wanted to be a teacher but did not realize he would teach at his alma mater.

While looking at the ball, Mr. Eric Beard was a tough defender when he played for the Trojans during his high school years.



When Mr. Anthony Belli was hired as Assistant Principal for the 2018-19 school year, he was excited to be able to stay home yet again. While he was in college at Purdue University Calumet now known as Purdue University Northwest, Belli began coaching within the School Town of Highland. This was what began his journey back into Highland schools since he was attending in the late 1990s. In 2010, Belli began teaching as a teacher in the Science Department. In 2011, just shortly after, Belli became the department head. His career stayed fairly consistent for a few proceeding years. In 2017, Belli completed his administration license. In the 2018-2019 school year, Belli began his administrative role as assistant principal.

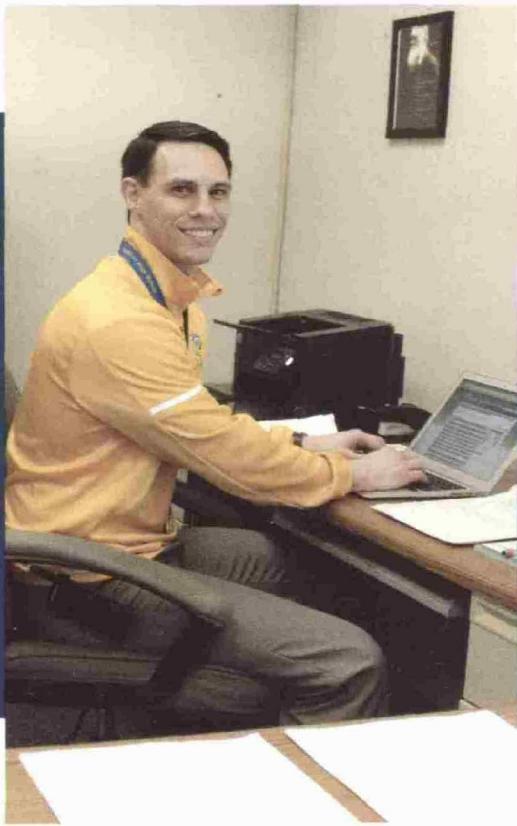
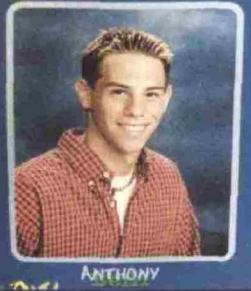
It has been a long time since he walked the halls with the other teachers as classmates when he was a student himself back in 1998. Despite the difference in time, Belli still found acceptance and serenity in the nostalgic halls of Highland. "It's comforting to know that we all came back and are here together now," Belli said of teachers like Mr. Eric Beard.

The unique circumstance of Belli as a former student had resulted in a unique perspective as well. Experiences that the current students of Highland encountered were also experiences Belli encountered when he was attending. Belli let students he met with know that he has been in similar situations and they have a choice to make their situation better. This is valuable advice that Belli had wished he had while he was in school.

"I see a lot of myself in the kids that are struggling. I am able to use my own experience to share where I've come from," Belli said. He also added, "the students are in control of making a change."

The future is yours if you take it. *d. vaquera*

"I thought I wanted to be a teacher, and opted to go into the medical field (x-ray tech) during senior year. During college, I switched to nursing."



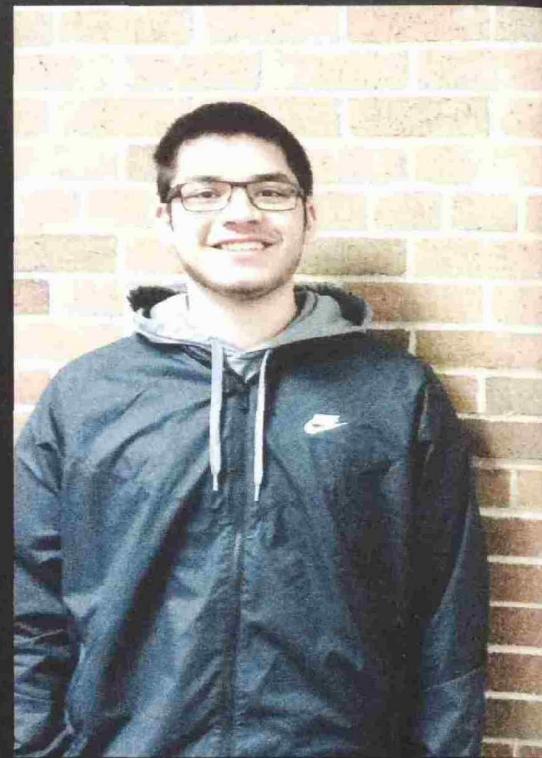
After eight years in the classroom, Mr. Anthony Belli moved into the Assistant Principal position.

Demand in the Trades

Some of the most needed jobs for the future will be filled by people in our midst. Whether mechanics, welding, construction, or graphic arts, some students took full advantage of the opportunity to develop skills that would allow them to easily transition into an employment setting after high school. With the demand for these jobs, our students will reap the benefits that await them.

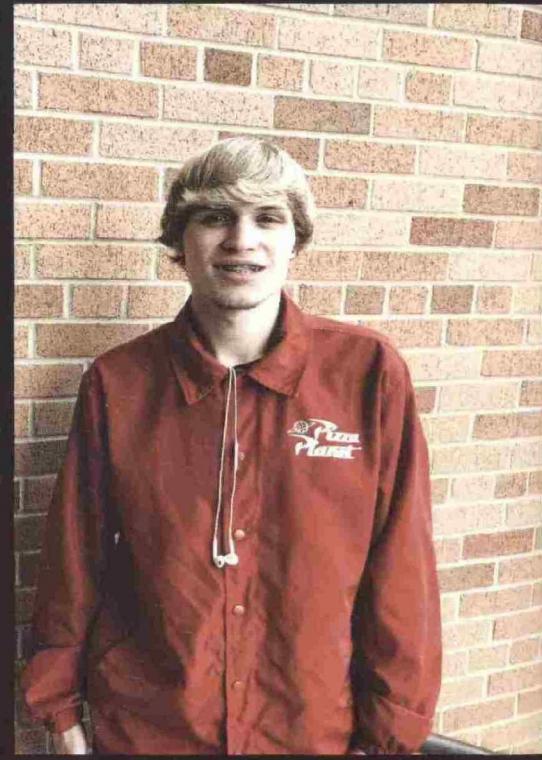
Logan Pearce (12)

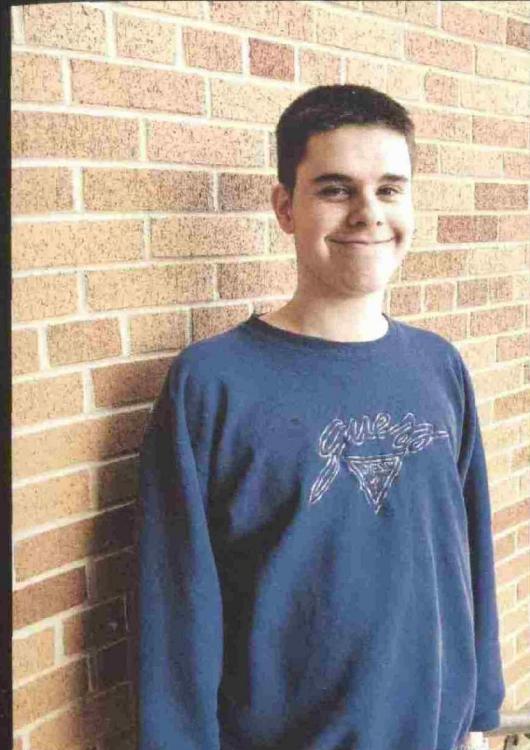
"Construction allowed me to explore what I can do after high school. Being able to make extra money by being more knowledgeable in fixing and building things was a key benefit. Eventually I would like to go into the Carpenter's Union. Everyday I have done something with equipment that would not have been available to me had I not attended the ACC. I am capable of doing things because of this program and I have gained valuable skills."



Nolan Rhyne (12)

"School has never been my favorite thing, but I've done what I had to do so that I can pursue going into welding. My dad welds and I have seen him be able to make good money throughout his life. He has shown me that he could support his family with this career choice, and I want to be able to do the same for my family in the future. Being able to learn from my dad and his experiences will help me step into a good job and start my career. There will always be an opening, and I look forward to the opportunities."





Jacob Labadie (12)

"In fifth grade I started recording videos of friends doing stupid things. Overtime I started attracting fans with content on Instagram. The time that has passed has allowed my editing to improve, and I've become a perfectionist on how I want my videos done therefore the quality has improved. There are careers that I can pursue because of my skill development. I'd like to keep my channel going as time goes on, but it depends on where the fate's land."



Chris Houk (12)

"The Area Career Center allowed me to get hands on experience building stairs, plumbing, masonry and even electrical. My teacher, Mr. Scott Quapack, has contacts to job opportunities that I could apply for. With his recommendation I would be able to get my foot in the door and a start on a career. It's a great opportunity to try and experience different careers and I'm glad I did [spend two years in this program.]"

Paving a Student's Way

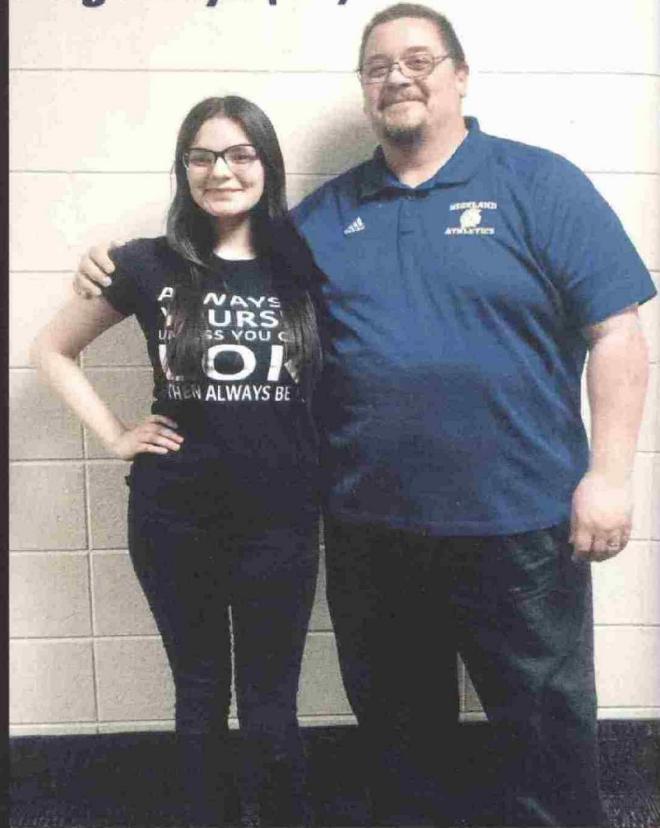
When it came to the journey that high school took us on, many students looked to teachers for a positive impact in their day. Whether it's a challenging academic push to strive for more or a much needed outlet, our students have learned on whom they can depend to help them along their way.

There are a few teachers in this school where even if you have not had them, you know who exactly who they are. Mr. Terry Steenson is most definitely one of those teachers. Though when it came to being a student in his class, then you already knew he is a teacher you could trust. Paige Hays (12) was one of Steenson's students, and the two have a solid bond together. While Steenson believes that, "I'm not an inspiration to Paige, Paige inspires me," Hays had other words. "Mr. Steenson, was someone that I could go to for advice about school and the stresses that come with planning for the future from my first week in his freshman Pre-AP World History class. He made the fears of high school much easier to face with his advice and made me realize that history is extremely interesting. Throughout the rest of high school, Mr. Steenson has been someone that supports me when I need it, such as with the daunting college search I just finished. Without his kindness, I can definitely say that high school would have been so much harder and I would not have succeeded as much as I did. He will always be my favorite teacher and it won't be the same not having him as a teacher anymore." Despite what Steenson previously said, it is extremely evident that he was truly inspiring to Hays. Through the use of kindness and lending a listening ear, Steenson had moved this senior to levels unlike no other. Having a student be an inspiration to a teacher and a teacher inspiring a student as such, is all in itself inspiring.

While high school is already difficult for most, try imagining being a student from another country. This is exactly the situation Dalal Ahmed (11) was in. Ahmed was from Yemen, a non-English speaking country. Due to this, Ahmed was in Mrs. Mary Beth Lubarski's English as a Second Language class. Learning English is alone a difficult feat, but having to do so as a second language is even harder. As worded by Ahmed, Lubarski, "has taught me to not be afraid because I cannot speak English, she has also taught me it's okay to be wrong [because] I can do well next time."

Having a teacher in which that can guide you through something as significant as navigating through a new language was huge. This was something that could quite possibly leave a huge impact on someone's life forever. Lubarski was here for these students, like Ahmed, because "working with students who are just learning English has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my teaching career. Seeing the motivation they have to learn and watching them soar as they have success touches my heart." When a teacher truly wanted to help and was truly looking out for her student it showed within both the students and teacher. Ahmed and Lubarski were no different. While she began to learn English, she has also learned how to be comfortable in her mistakes. As for Lubarski, she got to experience alongside her students the joy that are these huge accomplishments. Learning a new language was difficult, but Lubarski allowed this to be a bearable accomplishment.

Paige Hays (12)



Dalal Ahmed (11)



Andrew Sharp (9)

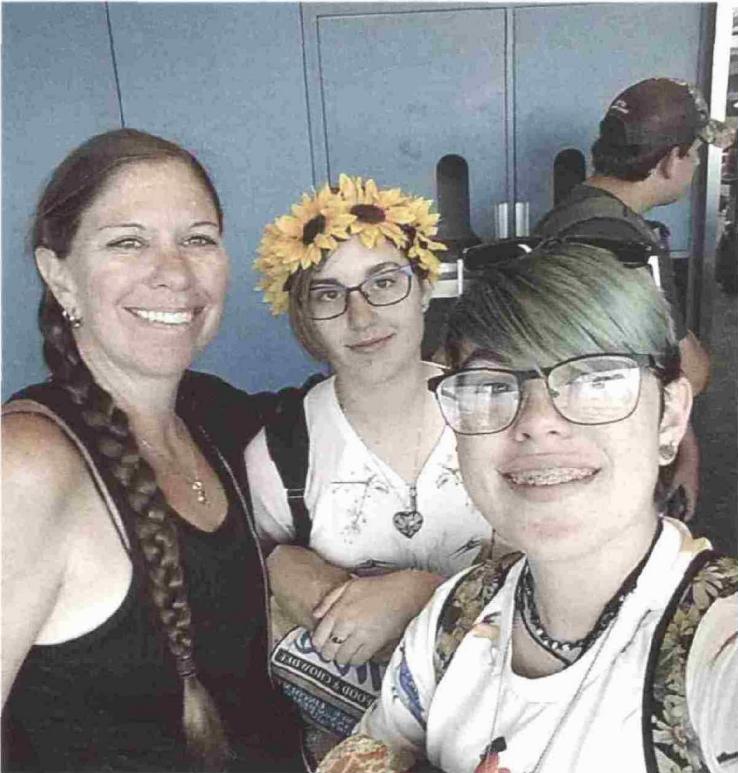


Majority of students have an abundance of positive influences in their academic career. When it came to being in band, choir, or orchestra this was no different because you were with these teachers most commonly from your days as a sixth grader to your days as a senior. Andrew Sharp (9) was one of these students. Coming from the band portion of the school, Sharp can most definitely say that Mr. Brian Blocker has had a strong influence. Sharp said, "He is a great role model. He has a great work ethic and he's organized, always with a plan. That is what I strive to live by, to always have a plan and theoretically, nothing will go wrong." Sharp had been in the band program for four years. He started on trumpet and eventually took up drum lessons around a year before he began marching where he played the bass drum with the band's drum line his eighth grade year. This past season he took on playing the tenor drums, with Blocker acting as a coach the whole way through as it was a difficult feat. Blocker's mindset towards this specifically was, "When a student shows interest to learn a second or third instrument, I try to facilitate that and make sure that they have one, a solid understanding on their first instrument so when they do pick up a second one then they don't get confused and two, to make sure I put instructors in front of them that are helpful to them as well." Being a student while learning new instruments was hard but with help from peers and teachers that last for years, many things are accomplished.

Jaysen Hilligoss (10)



A student's day to day life can be difficult. Being bombarded by the difficult work that is high school was not something that was exactly easy. Many students found themselves in classes where they knew they could find at least some fun as to help them get through the day. Jaysen Hilligoss (10) was a perfect example of one of these students. In Mrs. Reese Ryzewski's aquatic sports class, Hilligoss got an hour of his day to enjoy himself in the pool and spend time with a trusting teacher. As stated by Hilligoss, "Mrs. Ryzewski is always making sure that every student is in a good mood and not a sad one. She is always making everyone well aware of how bad drugs are and such." Hilligoss enrolled in first semester health with Ryzewski and in her second semester aquatic sports class. Having a teacher twice even though expecting to have different once the semester ended created some sort of impact on a student. Having a teacher looking out for you to keep your day happy and bright, as Hilligoss previously stated, was quite possibly what a student needed to get through the day. Ryzewski does this through "keeping up to date and joking around with the students. Specifically, with Jaysen, he teases me and I tease him and just have a lot of laughs together." Through the use of laughter, Ryzewski brought about a bright and fun time for each and every one of her students, especially Jaysen Hilligoss. This has created a happy little bond to get through the difficult days that were high school.



Looking at the camera, Grubb and her family smiled into the lens to form an interesting photo for them to enjoy. **Gazing into the camera**, Grubb and her family decided to take a picture of their fun family time, showing glee apparently on their face and their excitement to be with each other.

Traveling to Work

Does Age Matter?

Most teens had no idea what to do with their summer and most spent their time doing absolutely nothing that impacts their lives or others. Most just sat around and played video games or went out to hang with friends. However, it was a very common occurrence for a student to be dedicated during the summer to get a summer job to make a bit of money for themselves. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors typically tend to be the ones to get these jobs. Nevertheless on this occasion, a soon to be freshman took a summer to work for her Aunt in New Mexico at her restaurant called Largo Café. This was a rare occurrence to find someone who wasn't in high school yet to dedicate their summer to work, when most would prefer to do whatever they want during the summer and be lazy. The dedication of Amirah Grubb (9) helped her get through this task and she spent her time working for her aunt putting her summer on hold. She said, "I volunteered to fill the opening since my sister would not." Grubb decided, since her sister was against going work for her aunt, she would do a favor and for her own benefit. Doing this, she was able to get paid while doing the work her aunt asked her to do.

Not many incoming freshman would even consider thinking about working during the summer when most people prefer to relax, nevertheless to do it in a new place unaware of the surroundings. Grubb took this dedication seriously, having gotten paid fifteen dollars an hour was worth her decision. Working with somebody she knew and getting paid a decent amount helped her cope with her time away from her family. Working at a family owned restaurant, she was accompanied by the restaurant owner's son during her work time. While she was in New Mexico she got occasional visits from her family. "They did visit a few times though," she said. Working with coworkers was a blast for her. She said they worked "Very well. We had a lot of fun talking to each other and working alongside each other." When working there, her favorite part was meeting new people and getting good work advice. Being the social butterfly, she was able to get along with most of her coworkers to make it a positive experience. Even after her time with her aunt, she was asked to help by her family members. "Since I am strong, I mostly get asked to help load stuff into the truck." Even though she does not see herself working for her aunt again, she had a stupendous experience working there, one she will never forget.

AGE IS A NUMBER

"With the profession I want to get into, I want to go to a hands-on job. My age will affect my job because of my experience. [Getting a job] comes with maturity. The older you are the more mature you think. When I worked at a place, you can tell that the younger kids aren't as mature as the older ones. You do get judged by your age."

Austin Wheeler (12)

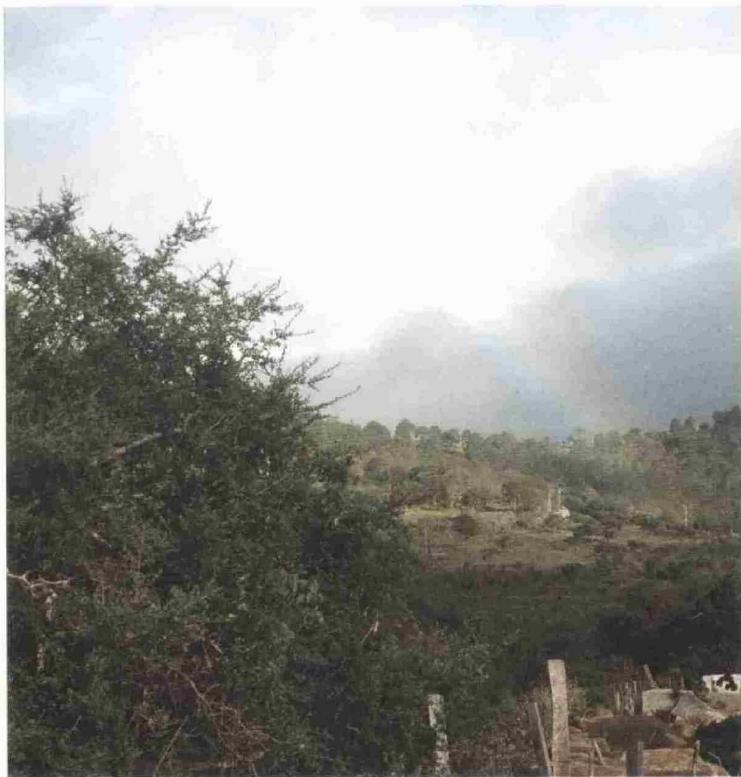
"Being young, you're not gonna get paid as much and you're not expected to do as well. The older you are, you get paid more and they expect more of you. I don't have an issue finding a job, it's more so finding a higher paying job."

Hailey Schultz (12)

How does age affect your job?

"Before I was 18, I could only work specific hours. It's also hard to balance school and work sometimes because when I work after 6:00 pm after school, it can be hard to finish homework. I [also] had to take on other responsibilities like paying for things, maintaining a bank account and budgeting money."

Jeanna Greich (11)



Caught in the spirit of the moment, Mariana Arceo (10) captured a picture of the beautifully, elegant, breathtaking scenery of Mexico's many wonders to see if she could hopefully capture the marvelous site she saw in front of her in the contents of one single photo. **With a few extra minutes**, Mariana Arceo (10) tried her very best to quickly capture the beauty of the wonderful site of a rainbow before it disappeared, trying to capture it in a picture while being able to take in the beauty of Mexico's wondrous land: two beautiful things combined in one.

Exploring Your Roots

A whole different place

Over the summer, many people chose to do many different things with their time. Some stayed in the country and just traveled to different states. There were many who went out of state to have some fun elsewhere and visiting family was not uncommon either. However, most people tended to just stay home and have a calm summer. Mariana Arceo (10) choose to spend her summer with her family in Michigan, Mexico. Having not visited Mexico for a long time, her experiences this time around were the best she has ever had. "I very much enjoyed it, it was very fun," she said. While visiting Mexico, making sure not to waste any time, she was met with its warm and damp climate. It tended to become a little tricky to enjoy at times during her time in Mexico due to the warm and wet days. "Typically you would go to Mexico maybe around the fall. Mostly the summer will be hot, dry, and rainy, so it was really hard to do stuff outside when it was raining and really, really hot." This did not stop her from having a good time with her family because family was more enjoyable. Only having visited them for a month, she made her time with her family as meaningful as she possibly could. "We stayed for a month, it was totally worth it."

She said her experiences in Mexico were truly meaningful, "an experience that I have not had for a very very long time." On her visit she spent many of her days visiting towns and villages, gaining more knowledge about these places. "We mostly traveled to different towns and villages in Mexico, we saw many family member's and it was nice." In doing all these things she had many fun and memorable experiences going to places in Mexico she had never gone to before, and making the experience all the more exciting for her. "It was very nice to see family and very nice to see places I've never seen before." It was quite an adventure for her to visit these places, visit family not seen for some time, all while learning a bit about their customs and learning a quite a bit more about Mexico. Most of her time there was spent on the move and she never really felt out of the ordinary when going. "It wasn't strange because it felt easily like home, familiar." Many people would find this experience a strange one if they had been in these circumstances, but that didn't make it any more exciting. Arceo, as she mentioned before, said it felt like home, which made her experiences all the more better. All these things made the experience of a lifetime going to Mexico was truly worth it. She said she enjoyed her time so much she has made it a goal to visit Mexico in hopes to go again in the future.

TRAVELING

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go?

"I would go to Japan, Tokyo, England and London. I've always wanted to go. Just the atmosphere of those places is amazing and the scenery is utterly beautiful and I hope some day to go."

Adalia Alston (10)

"I would travel to Italy because that is where my family is from."

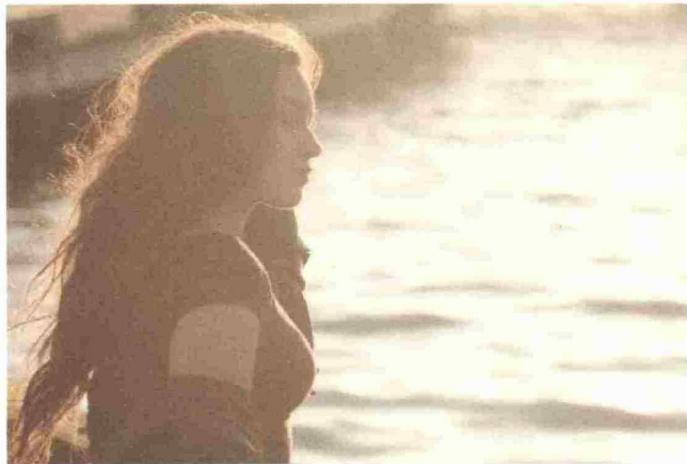
Madison Maxeiner (12)

"I would probably go to Europe because it is a beautiful place. The scenery would be nice to see."

Xander Grantsaris (9)

"I would like to be able to travel to Europe because I would like to be able to see the lost landmarks of old times."

Caden Beloso (11)



With freshly tossed hair over her shoulder and a jacket hanging from her arms, Aylin Chavez (11) had fun modeling for photographers Nadia and Christine Gomez at Centennial Park. Enjoying the silence and nature around her, Chavez peacefully overlooked the pond while the photographers captured the serene moment. Photos Provided by Chavez

Chasing the Dream

Aspirations become reality

It's a picture-perfect scene: a young kid strutting around the living room playing dress up, modeling their mother's oversize heels and a pink feather boa. Since adolescence, it isn't uncommon for a kid to have aspirations of one day becoming a model. However, only a few can follow through with these dreams. In the summer of 2017, Aylin Chavez (11) was at a family reunion when she was approached by someone who quickly became someone "prominent" in her life. "The director of Illinois for Miss Teen Illinois said he thinks I could represent Indiana very well for all Latinas and he also said I had the face for it," said Chavez. After this encounter, Chavez was considered to be an "At-Large" Delegate and immediately began as a participant in Miss Teen US Latina on the National Level. Being in pageants and modeling wasn't a foreign experience before her recruitment. "I've always loved taking pictures and I was always photogenic. My parents seemed to notice that so they signed me up with photographers to take pictures with them. The first photographer that took my pictures was for head shots since head shots are needed when looking for a modeling job." Shortly after, modeling opportunities

flooded in. Of these opportunities that arose, the first happened to also be one of the most major. "The head shots were actually for Glamour Magazine when they took interest of me and wanted me to come out to New York to be on the cover of their magazine and do a inside story of me. [Or] when a group Miss (what we call our bigger sisters who are in pageants that are 18+) who seen me from the pageant and wanted to work with me and train me for Miss Teen Universe." said Chavez. Currently, however, Chavez isn't modeling for anyone but she will be soon. "There are some stores that recently contacted me that I'll be collaborating with soon. I will also soon be working with this photographer if all goes well," she said. The pressure of modeling isn't light due to the constant judgment from everyone that is typically expected. Because of this, Chavez had to gain some confidence and motivation in order to perfectly lead for the job. "My family actually encouraged me and they always hyped me up by saying 'you can do this,' 'I know you can do this,' 'you'll make it big one day,'" said Chavez. Growing from these experiences, Chavez has been able to improve herself as well. "I got more confidence which is really helpful because when you're a leader, you have to have confidence and you have to learn how to take a lead in everything." s. ragin

Following Your Dreams How do you work towards your dream?

"My dream is to be a singer or an artist. Recently, my grandmother gifted me a brand new art tablet for my computer. I have been wanting to draw and animate for a couple years now and getting to do that is very fun."

Bryanna Snell (9)

"I want to be an emergency medical technician. I got two papers in the mail for Ball State college, and Ball State has a really good [medical program]. My mom always said always to follow my dreams and no matter what I wanted to do that she'll help me." Allison Lewis (9)

"I've thought about being a history professor. I'll get into college and get a history degree, maybe minor in archeology so I can go out and do stuff in the world. I work towards it by study hard, work hard, and do what I can."

Gabriel Siebold (11)

"I want to be an artist. My family always make sure that I am drawing and trying to get better. They always give me criticism when I do draw so I can get better. I'm working towards my dream by practicing and trying to get better until I'm good enough."

James Yauger (9)

"My dream is to be an astrophysicist. I focus all of my time and energy into studying so that I can expand my knowledge and improve my grades to get into the college I'm interested in. [My family] gives me a lot of advice and lots of encouragement."

Jessica Guerra (11)



Preparing an order at Honeybaked Ham, Faith Taylor (12) worked behind the counter after school for nearly 20 hours each week. **Always in high spirits**, Taylor found it impossible to not have fun at her job. She said, "the small community of employees that I work with is like a support system for me because I am able to know them each as a person. My manager does support me in putting school first in times of need like final exam week."

Working for the Future

"You deserve to be you."

The stress of Faith Taylor's (12) schooling, family, work, and personal events became exhausting at times, especially when all the worlds collide. Having worked two jobs and maintaining good grades in addition to keeping up with home life, she continued to persevere. With all the stress and the management of it, she was proud of the person she became. Taylor said, "I would consider myself both a leader and a follower, in the leader sense I always have my priorities straight and I can always direct people into the right direction, and I'm a follower in the sense of completing all of the duties expected of me." Some of the important people who shaped her are Taylor's mother, Ms. Anne Lemon, Mrs. Amy Vezmar, and Mrs. Terri Livingston. "My mom has been a big role model for me because she is such a strong person. She has been through her share of obstacles in her lifetime and she always finds a way to deal with the hardships. Watching her has helped me be strong with situations that I face, it makes it easy to get through things on my own. When people say things that affect me it doesn't stick with me and I'm able to get over it after at most a day. Also, aiding for the Guidance Office has been a big support system

for me here because someone is always available for me if I have had a question or concern. Postsecondary options have been a huge conversation that I have been able to have with Miss Lemon, Mrs. Vezmar and even Mrs. Livingston. I am the first person in my family to attend college so I needed their assistance with my application and decision-making process. It makes my day to see their excitement for me as I share my college acceptance news with them because they truly support me as an individual that is a part of the Highland family even as a transfer to this district. They have accepted me as one of Highland's own." Of the news, the most exciting was of Taylor's acceptance into her first choice university, University of Cincinnati. The guidance office had been of tremendous assistance with helping Taylor succeed in her career in Medical Technology. Having moved to three different schools in her high school career, she gained a lot of knowledge from the experience. "I stay open minded about the new experience I'm about to face and I try to be nice and stay friendly with everyone I meet." Through every experience, Taylor remained humble. "I haven't really changed the way that I act as I transition from school to school, but I do speak to people and make friends just as anyone else would. I think a good piece of advice would be to stay true to yourself during transitions from school to school. If people don't accept you for who you are, then it's their loss. You deserve to be you." j o'connor

Starting a New Path

"Mr. [David] Bedka talked to us about life decisions [after high school]. He talked about joining the military, and explained to students all of the benefits. Just in case I might not be able to pay for my college, I could join and they would be able to take care of that."

Miles Walker (11)

"People from the football team told me to sit with them at lunch. [Highland is] decent and friendly. People are nice. It's better than my old school, they were racist."

Keijuan Lewis (12)

How has Highland welcomed you?

"There are a lot of cool people here. I thought seniors wouldn't talk to me, and they wouldn't like freshmen. But most of them are pretty cool. At lunch I sit by seniors. Muhammad Subh (12) and Wahab Akanbi (12) really helped me out and introduced me to a lot of people, and that helped me get my friend group."

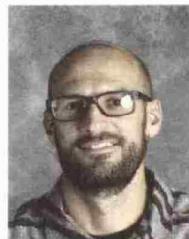
Maximus Herring (9)

"The staff here is nicer. The office people are more friendly. Ms. [Anne] Lemon is really helpful. My friend Crispina Marulu Vazquez (12) [helped me feel welcomed because] she showed me where to go."

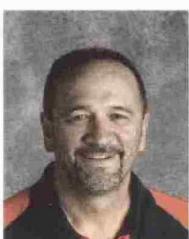
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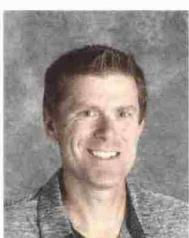
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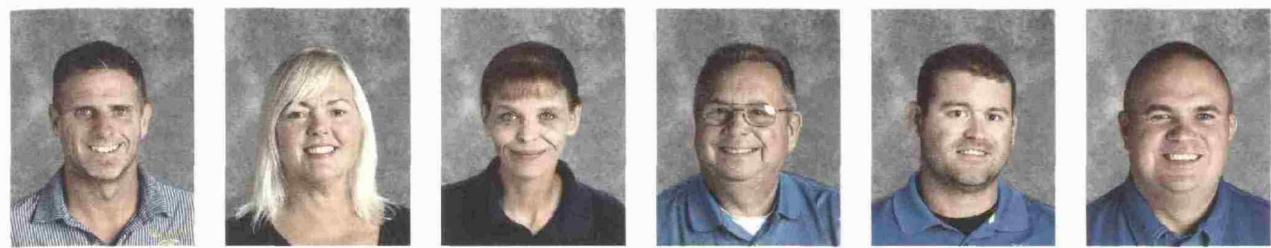


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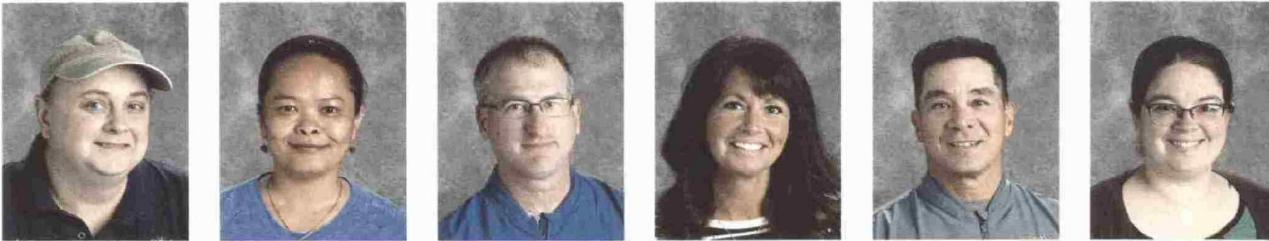


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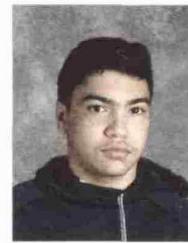
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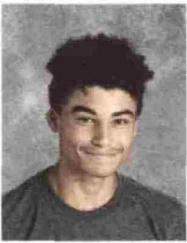
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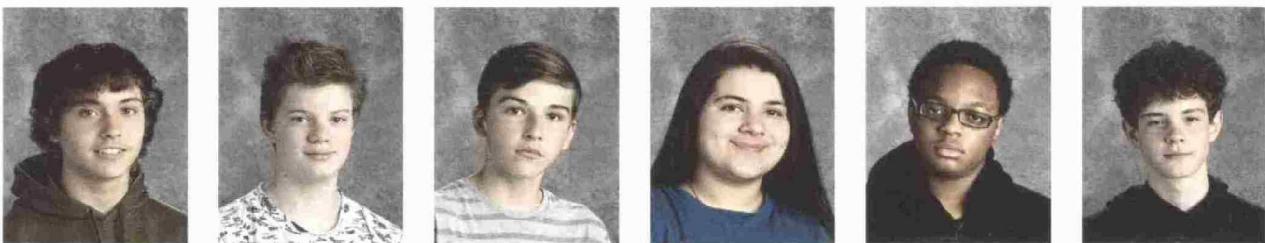


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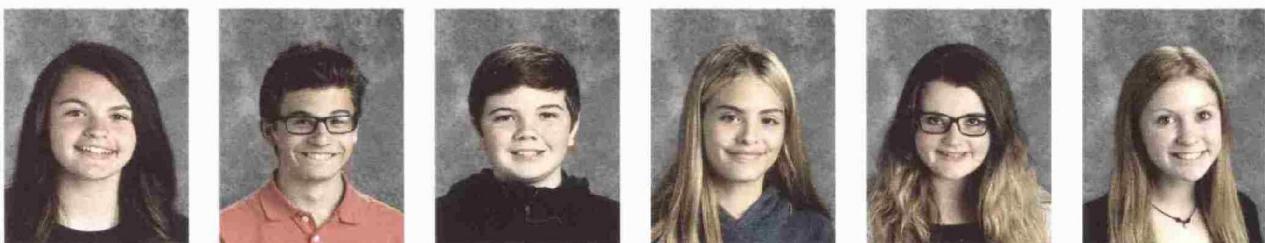
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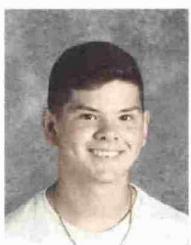
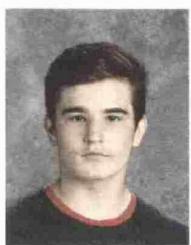


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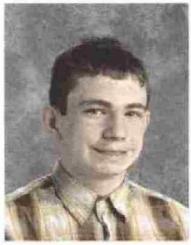
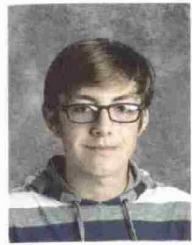


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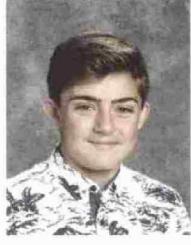
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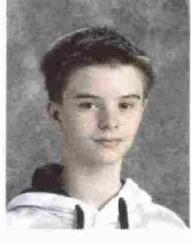
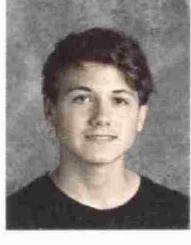
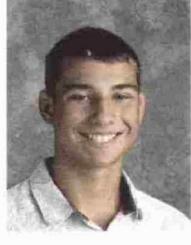
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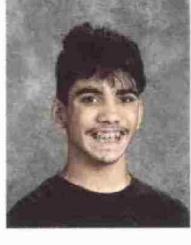
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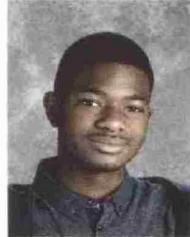


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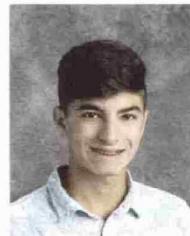
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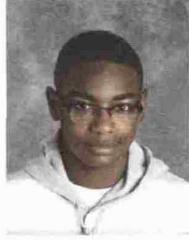




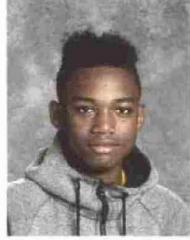
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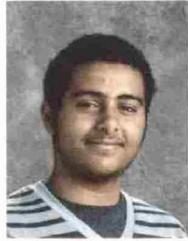
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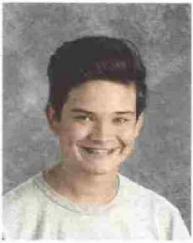


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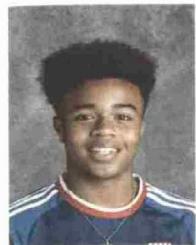
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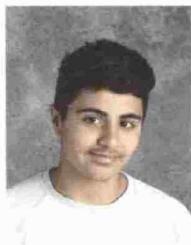
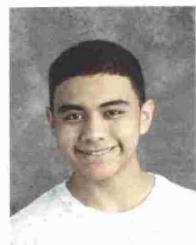
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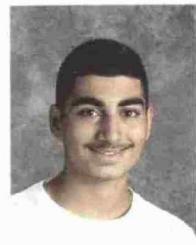
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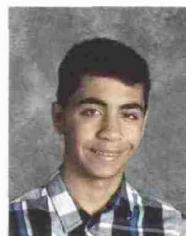
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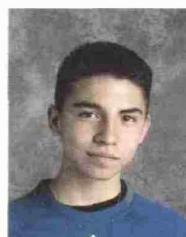
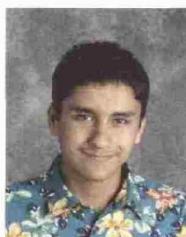
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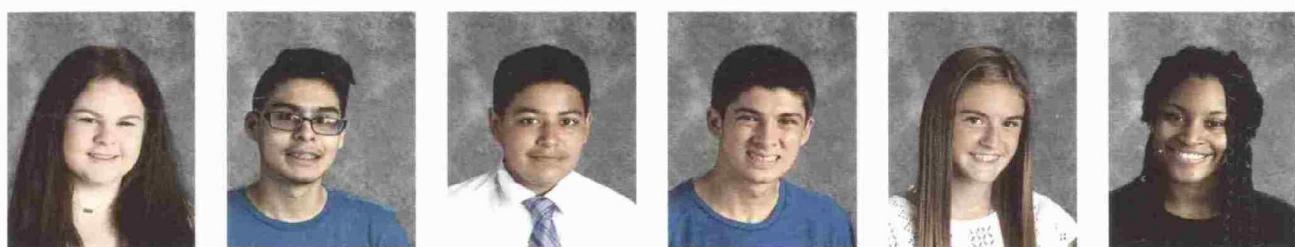
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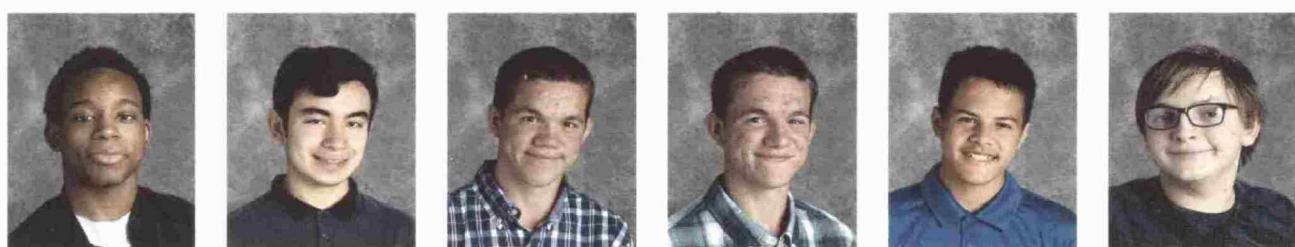
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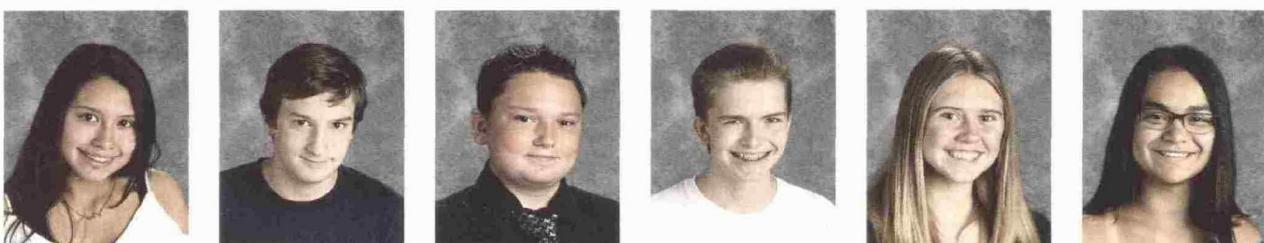
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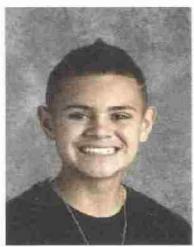


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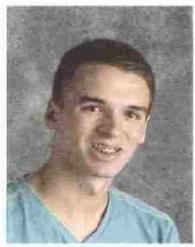
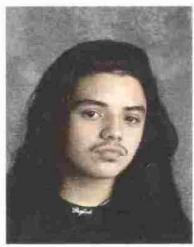


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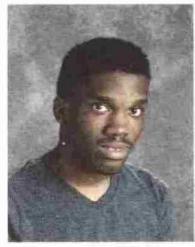
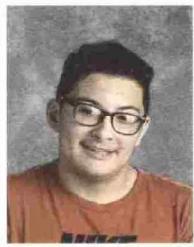
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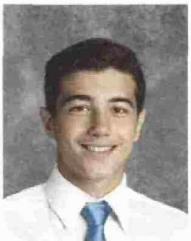
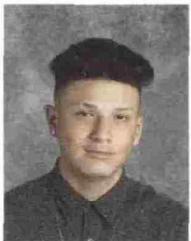
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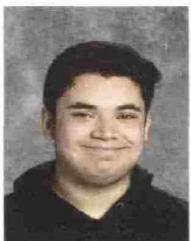
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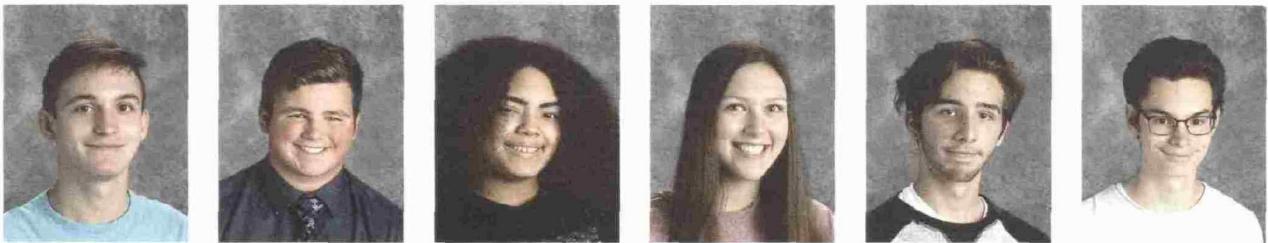


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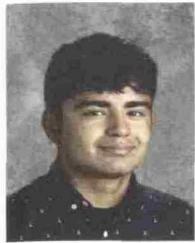


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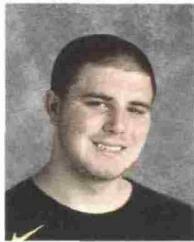




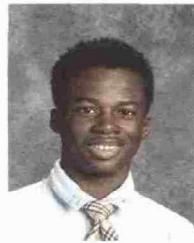
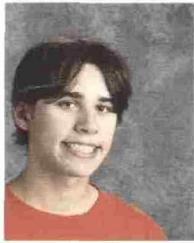
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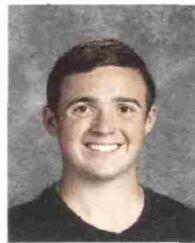
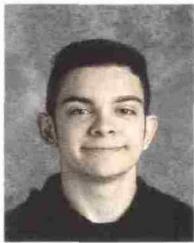
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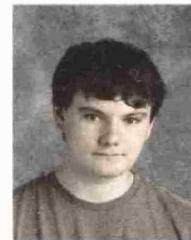
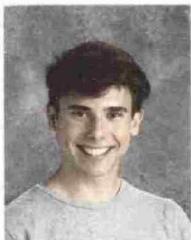


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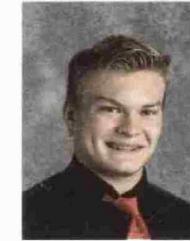


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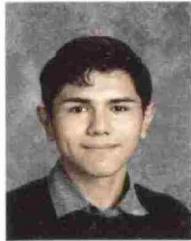




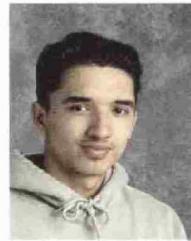
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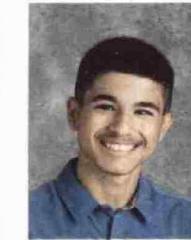
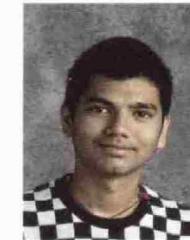
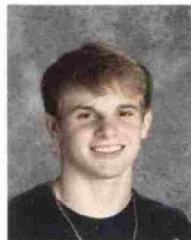
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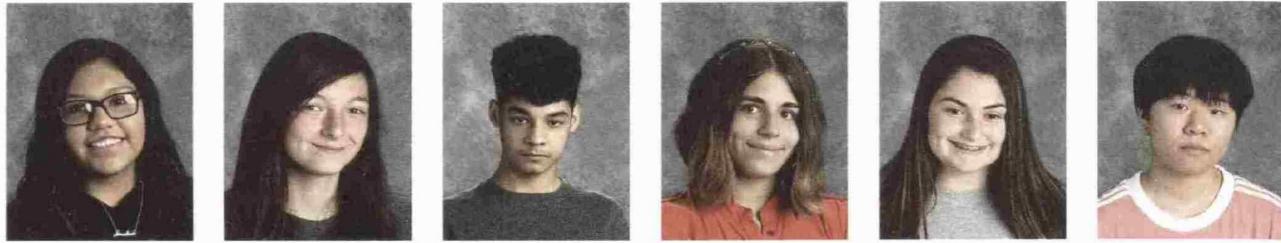


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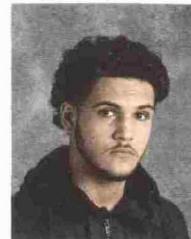
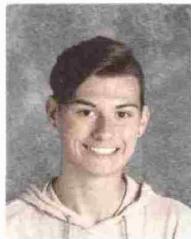


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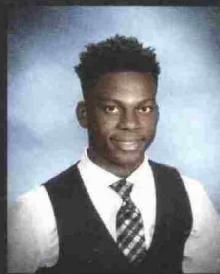
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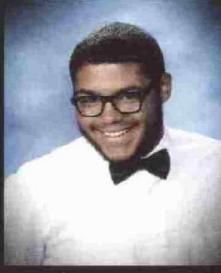
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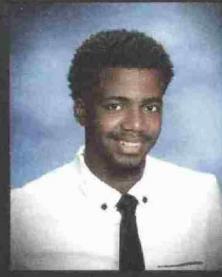


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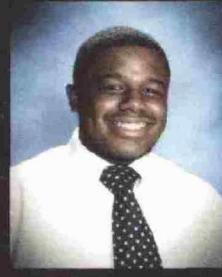
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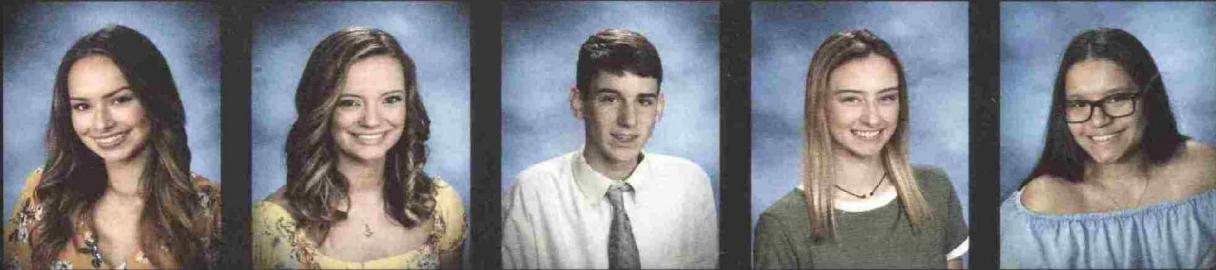


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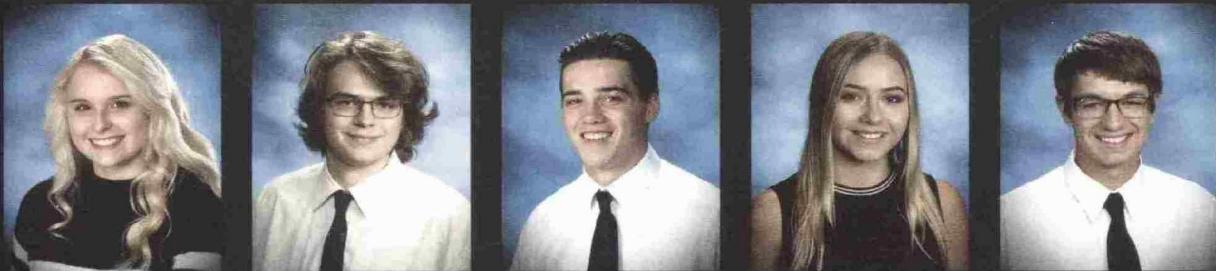




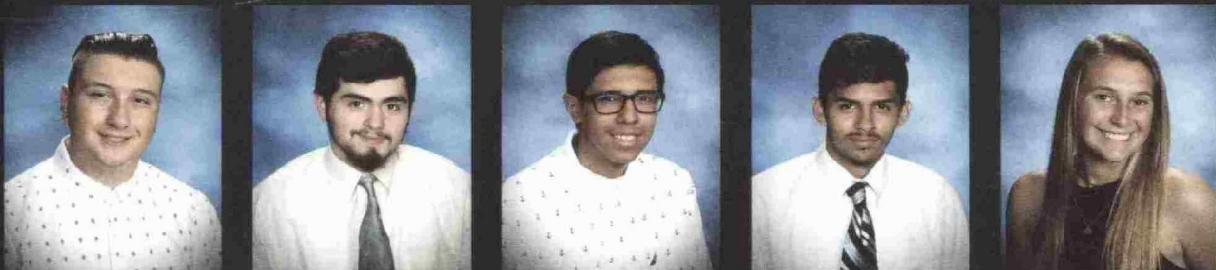
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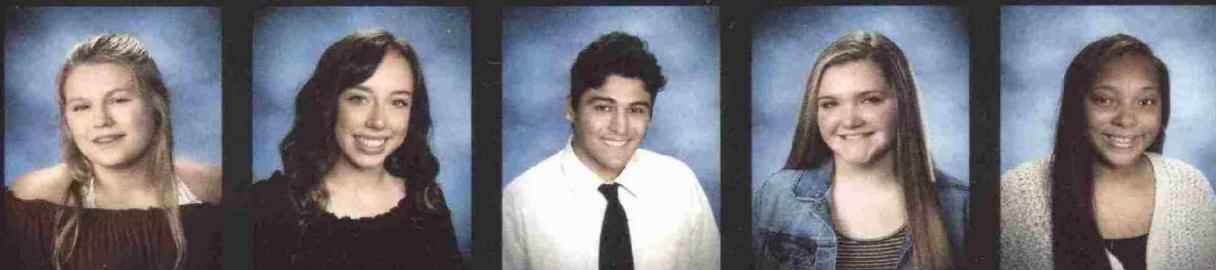
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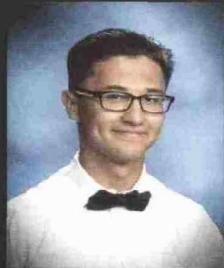


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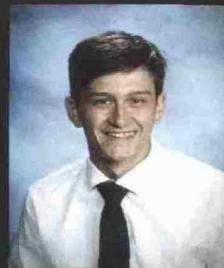
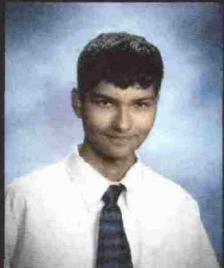
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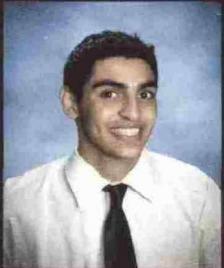
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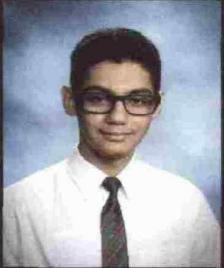
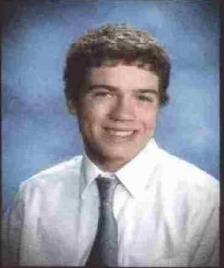
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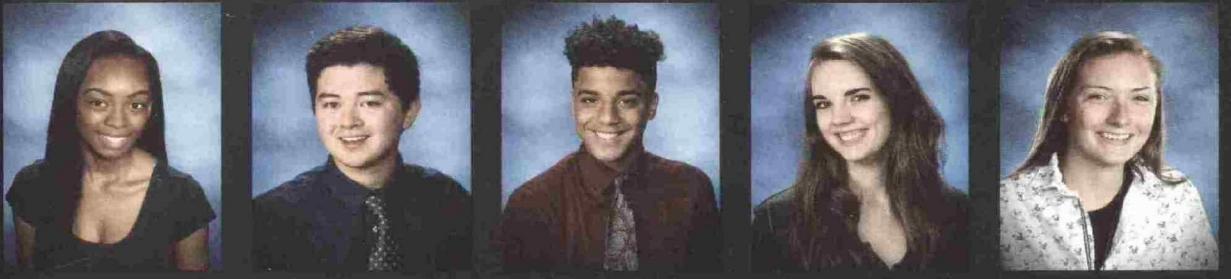


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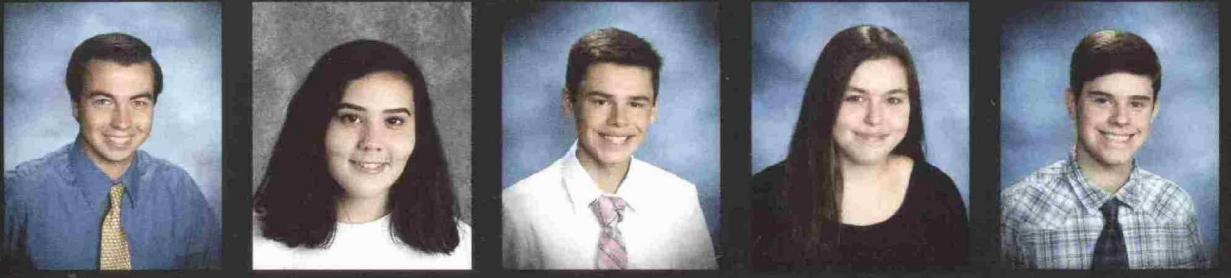


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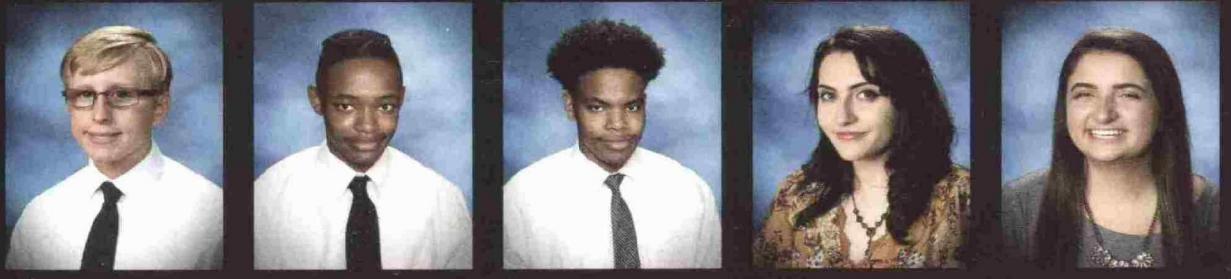
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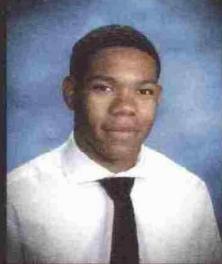
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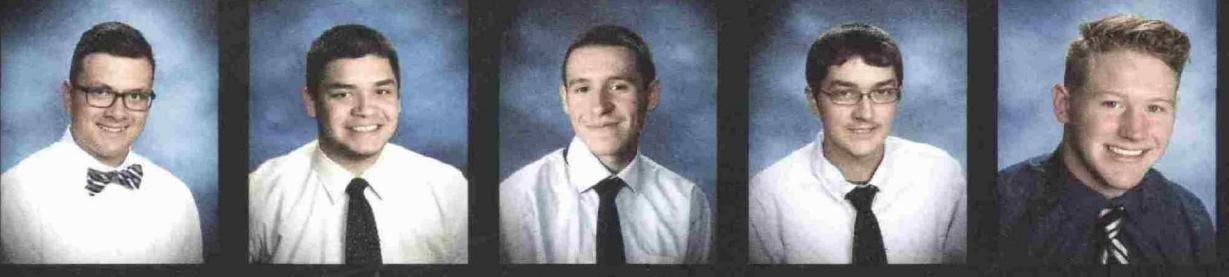




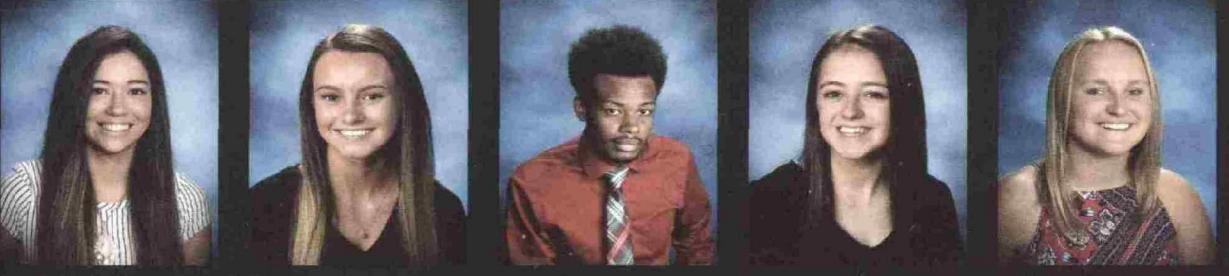
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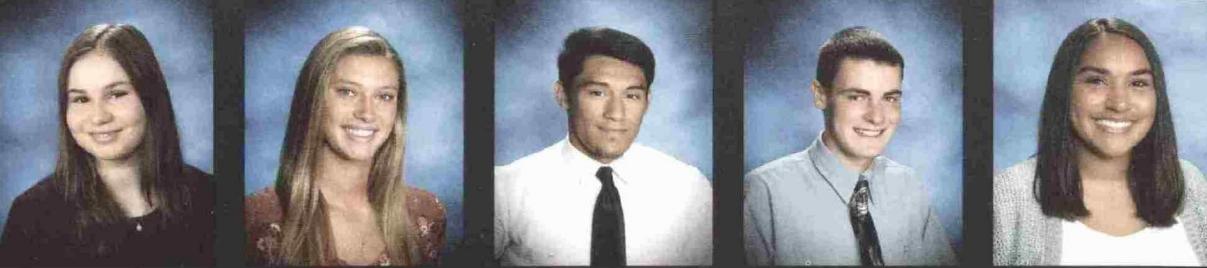


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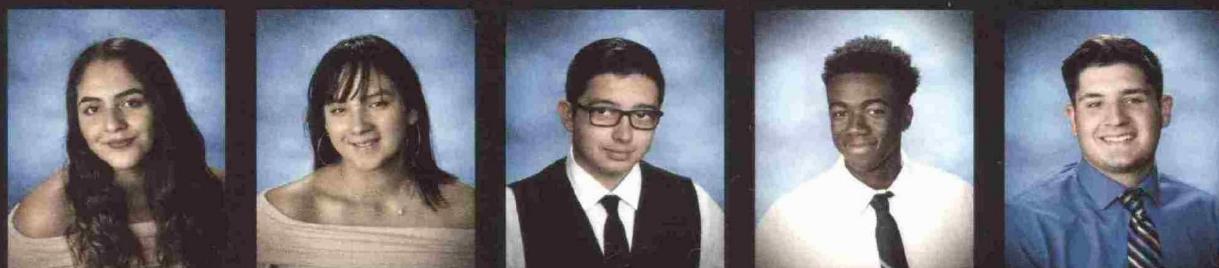
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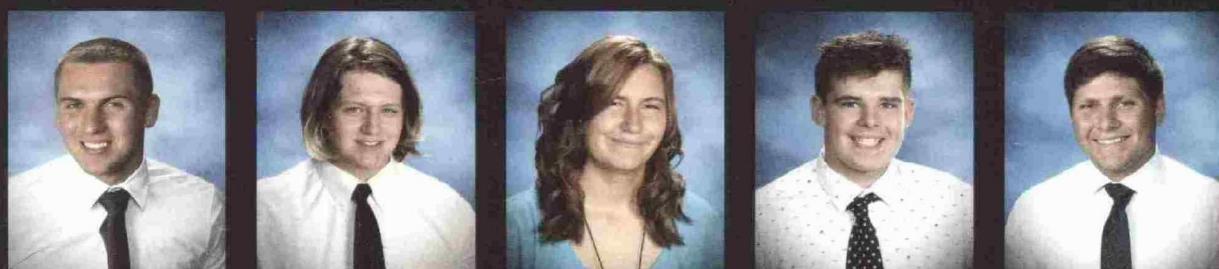
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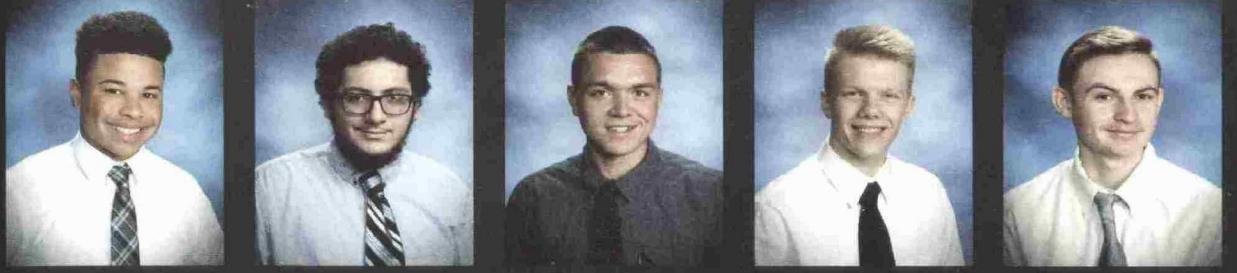


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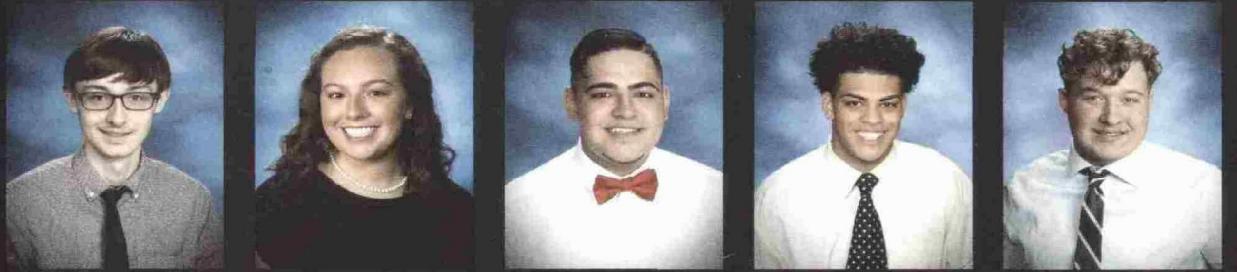


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Zachary Volom

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Senior Bests

BEST DRESSED

*Paige Hays
Frederick Kepler*

BEST LOOKING

*Erica Felix
Dean Foundos*

BEST LAUGH

*Camryn Mathews
Marquise Davis*

BEST SMILE

*Megan Granados
Thomas Crowel*

BEST PERSONALITY

*Aleena Morris
Wahab Akanbi*

BEST ATHLETE

*Michaela Schmidt
Kyler Tanis*

BEST HAIR

*Makenzie Marwitz
Anthony Caraballo*

BEST EYES

*Angel Blankenship
Nathan Matthews*

BIGGEST FLIRT

*Mackenzie Pickens
Trent Slaven*

MOST LIKELY TO BE

*FAMOUS
Emily Michalak
Jacob Labadie*

MOST TALENTED

*Kennedy Vernengo
Nathaniel Taillon*

MOST CREATIVE

*Stephanie Narantic
Alexander Melby*

CUTEST COUPLE

*Madison Correy &
Joshua Copeland*

CLASS CLOWN

*Carley Ramirez
Daoud Issa*

MOST LIKELY TO BE LATE

*Alyssa Kammer
Anthony Manuel*

MOST LIKELY TO BECOME PRESIDENT

*Sarah Manning
Meet Patel*

MOST CHANGED SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR

*Morgan Koble
Maverick Lawrence*

MOST OUTGOING

*Gloria Linkiewicz
Muhammad Subh*

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT

*Kayla Polen
Gavin Holder*

Timing Impacts

Class of 2019

Starting in 2009 during their 5th grade elementary school career, the class of 2019 had been first to begin the new experiences and set the example for future classes.

Instead of finishing their sixth grade year at the top of the school, the students were moved to Highland Middle School and as the first sixth grade class. The move led the class to adapt to the early transition from elementary to middle school, as well as become the role models for future sixth graders that will continue to have lasting effects.

As the class of 2019 were becoming seniors, the district decided that the class rank would no longer be used, which included valedictorian and salutatorian. Therefore the commencement speeches given by the valedictorian and salutatorian were replaced by applicants from the top 20% of students who are interviewed. Many students were thrilled about the opportunity to give such a memorable and important speech and allowed for more people to be an impact moment to their peers. "I feel very proud of this. I think we accomplished new things and brought a new experience," said Destiny Ruiz (12). The class of 2019 also was the first to experience the removal of the traditional 4.0 grading scale for honors classes, as well as the removal of the traditional senior bench in the commons. This was merely a small bump in the road during the years but will make for better students who dictate the flow of the school. In addition to the changes that had an effect starting with the class of 2019, other school-wide changes were also made that affected the outcome of the school year. 2 out of the 4 bathrooms were closed, leaving only the math hall bathrooms and cafeteria bathrooms open. In school pep rallies were also removed. This left the only pep rally in the fall. While being an outdoor pep rally that was open to the entire Highland community, it lacked the same excitement as the oreo stacking or big wheel races seniors remembered during their underclass years. While it seems like missed opportunities, the class of 2019 would be the first and last to experience new changes to the school. And never forget any of the bold blue ways that were chosen for them. *d. vaquera*

"We will eventually get a better [senior bench]. We have that plastic one that is cool because we took the bottle caps [to create it] and it shows we are a great school and all. But, it's just not the same. It's not as big and you can't put a kid underneath it. That was one of the reasons they probably took it away initially. I never really sat on it but I could see the appeal."

Jake Stivers (12)

"Well, I think it's a shame that our class isn't going to have the valedictorian because that's been a thing for a very long time so it's going to be pretty different and I think we will miss it. It's definitely going to be different and this is the first time so I guess we're gonna see how it goes."

Karli Byrd (12)

"I don't think [not having class rank] is a big deal. It makes it more special if someone with better grade talks about it in front of our 2019 class. I think it's very exciting because we are the first class and it's a good change. I believe taking away the senior bench was very messed up and they should bring it back."

Emily Lewandowski (12)

"We could use class rank. It was very important then and it is very important now so they should bring that back. It's going to be a struggle for the underclassmen because they aren't going to have what we have. We need our senior bench."

Valerie Brunt (12)

"The removal of class rank hasn't really created opportunities for me besides receiving the email to be a speaker at graduation. Being valedictorian does not really matter to me because I don't really see education as a competition. For the removal of senior benches, I don't have enough time during passing periods to chill so I don't really mind the senior benches. It is like they never left."

Nathalie Velazquez (12)



Amidst the controversy in our nation, the Boys Varsity Basketball team stood at attention during the singing of the National Anthem prior to their home game against the Chesterton Trojans. Holding the trophies that were awarded, the Sapphires took a bold stance against competition earning 1st and 3rd place in Jazz and Pom respectively routines at their first competition of the season.



Stand Up for the Blue & Gold

We took risks, we were confident and courageous; proving ourselves to be Highland Trojans. Through the tests in the classrooms to the championship games, we put it all on the line and fought with everything we had.

We've been through all the good and bad of high school with the people we call teammates, classmates, peers and friends. Some of us have gone down this road wishing that it would all be over and we finally walk out these doors for good, but almost all of us would never trade these four years for anything else in the whole world. But our journey is done, until the next chapter of our lives that is.

BOLD



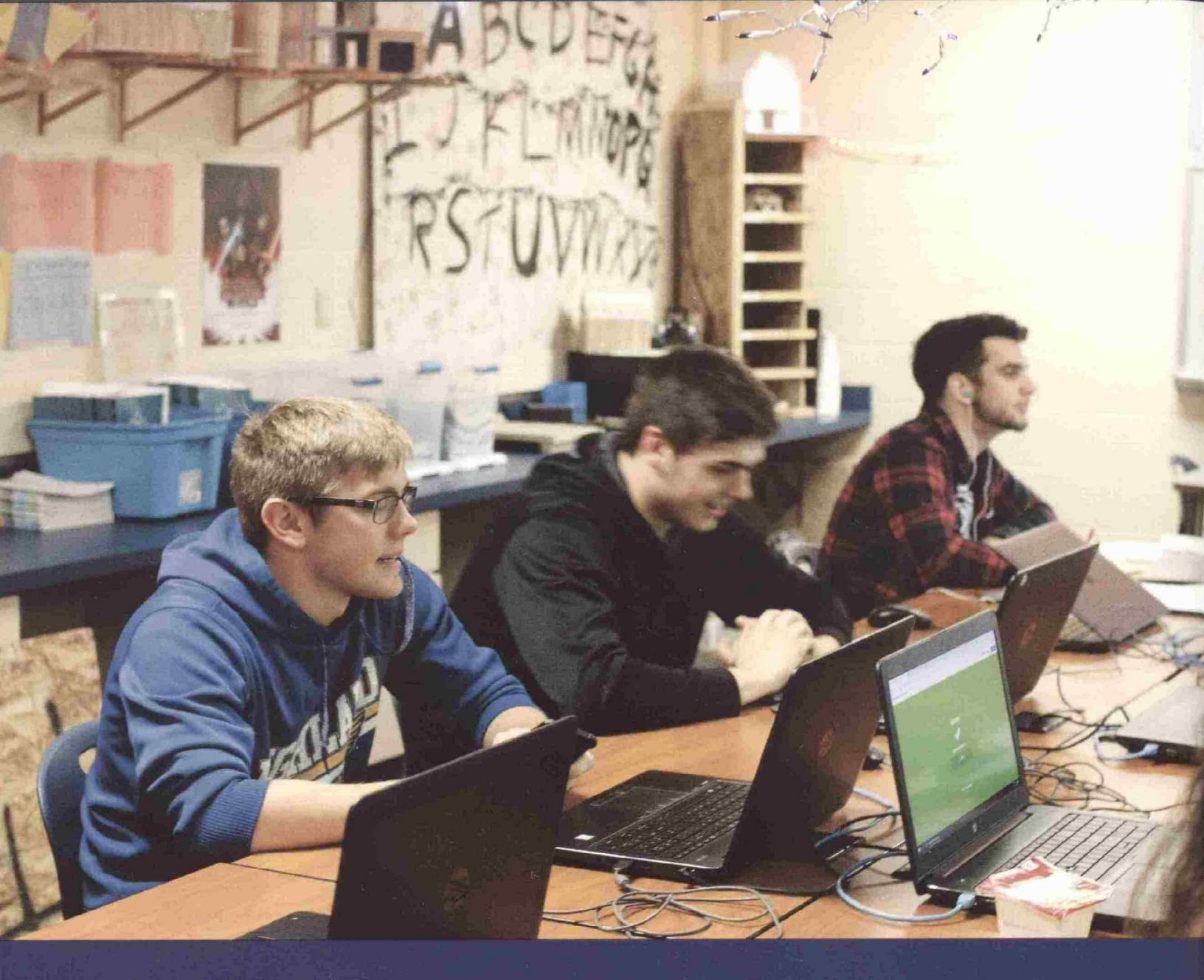
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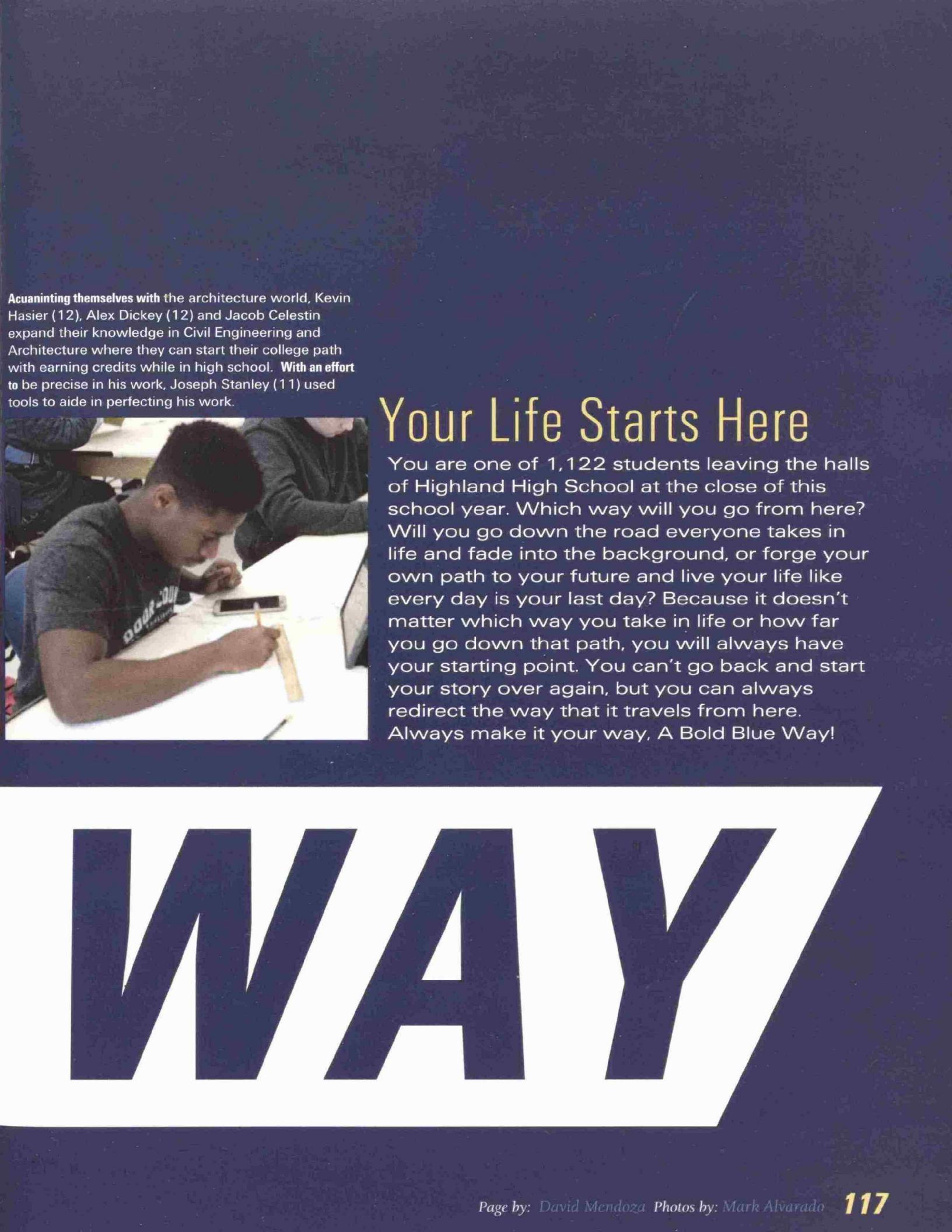
Surrounded by school spirit, Arianna Winchell (12) shared the enthusiasm as the cheerleaders finalized their routine. **Gathered in** the B Lot in honor of the Cross Country send off, Michael Stabolito (10) waited with the crowds for the team bus to arrive.



With the most exciting of times in the student section with classmates, we were able to form a bond. Blue and Gold brought us together for the sports teams, but even outside of the realm of the sports games. We found people to stand with, yell with, and laugh with. More importantly we found those that will be in our memories forever. The colors represented so much more than our outfits and school colors. They were the thread that strung us together and created our current purpose: to make the 2018-19 a year to remember for each of us! The spirit of Highland was alive in us all, and will remain in us for a lifetime of blue.

BLUE





Acquaint themselves with the architecture world, Kevin Hasier (12), Alex Dickey (12) and Jacob Celestin expand their knowledge in Civil Engineering and Architecture where they can start their college path with earning credits while in high school. **With an effort** to be precise in his work, Joseph Stanley (11) used tools to aide in perfecting his work.

Your Life Starts Here

You are one of 1,122 students leaving the halls of Highland High School at the close of this school year. Which way will you go from here? Will you go down the road everyone takes in life and fade into the background, or forge your own path to your future and live your life like every day is your last day? Because it doesn't matter which way you take in life or how far you go down that path, you will always have your starting point. You can't go back and start your story over again, but you can always redirect the way that it travels from here. Always make it your way, A Bold Blue Way!

WAY

Girls CROSS COUNTRY



Row 1: Alexandria Rardin, Madelyn Smigla, Miranda Bates, Maria McDonald, Ariana Salazar, Lindsay Modjeski, Kasey Cusick **Row 2:** Amber Sobkowicz, Marissa Montealegre, Zoie Ison, Kayla Polen, Olivia Skertich, Catheryn Markus, Kayla Robinson **Row 3:** Ciera Lee, Hollie Fox (mgr), Kyla Gamez, Grace Aurand, Mira Handley, Lillian Kosior, Madison Cheeseman (mgr), Coach Robert Lukowski

Boys CROSS COUNTRY



Row 1: Kevin Hasier, Adam Ackermann, Nicolas Hernandez, Alexander Salazar, Mateo Garcia, Eric Alegre, Ethan Lewis **Row 2:** Julian Gray, Ryan Johnson, Colin Gomez, Vincent Bovino, Lucas Guerra, Michael Stabolito, Benjamin Ayon, Joshua Cox **Row 3:** Coach Robert Lukowski, Hollie Fox (mgr), Benjamin Salinas, Maximus Campos, Matthew Roach, Nicholas Markus, Madison Cheeseman (mgr)

JV Girls SOCCER



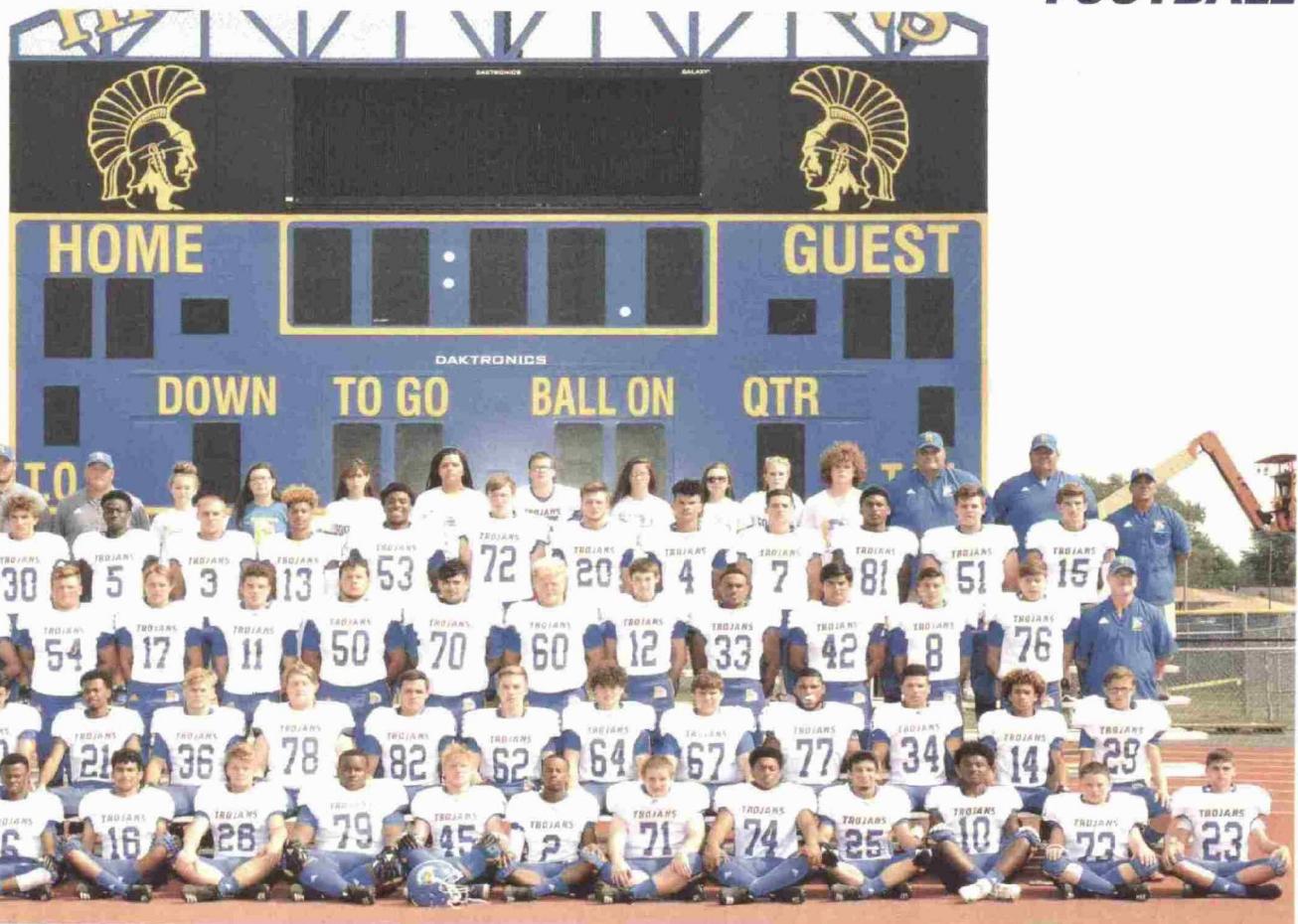
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Varsity Girls SOCCER



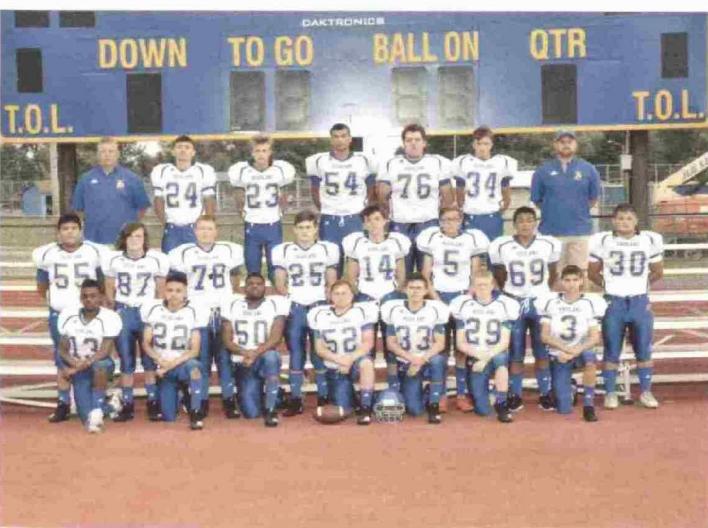
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Varsity & Junior Varsity FOOTBALL



Row 1: Christopher Houk, J.D. Gilmore, Xavier Mendoza, Kenny Finke, O'Cyrus Taylor, Brandon Phillips, Malique Moore, Noah VanHoose, Eijon Ford, Ethan Celestin, Jonah Tillman, Brian Pottorf, Aerik Tanis **Row 2:** Kyler Tanis, Rafael Rios, Jeremiah Carter, Cody LeNeave, Hunter Lawbaugh, Mark Alvarado, Rudis Sprenne, Eian Tiltges, Colt Cash, Nehemiah Bradley **Row 3:** Zachary Frye, David Hause, Justin Bogner, Riley Bertalan, Thomas Crowel, Samuel Perez, Muhammad Subh, Steven Niemann, Ethan Litavec, Marithe Thomas, Christian Rios, Adam Ahmad, Ethan Tomlinson, Patrick Ohaver (Trainer) **Row 4:** Wahab Akanbi, Mason Plebanski, Myles Simmons, Trent Slaven, Anthony Caraballo, Keon Reeves, Warren Kovacek, William Morinville, Brandon Hubbird, Dean Foundos, Quínten McToy, Dean Smith, **Row 5:** Coach Wilson, Coach Charles Podgorny, Coach John Bogner, Marissa Smith (mgr), Daniela Bastaic (mgr), Adrienne Valdez (mgr), Alicia Wright (mgr), Nathaniel Graegin (mgr), Leah Bishop (mgr), Ryli Letke (mgr), Sarah O'Riley (mgr), James Rhoten (mgr), Coach Pete Koulianos, Coach Joseph Tolliver

Freshmen FOOTBALL



Row 1: Marcus Minued, Ivan DeLaRosa, Jasonni Riddle, Barry McClellan, Ryan Cozad, Tyler Ault, Aerik Tanis **Row 2:** Naszir Hernandez, Zachary Piech, Dylan Wojno, Storm Foreman, Gavin Hofkamp, Ian Fulkerson, Gabriel Padilla, Andrew Barsich **Row 3:** Coach Craig Roggenbuck, Ivan Vargas, Nicholas Steele, Dylan Hanson, Vincent Cruz, Joseph Opitz, Coach Matthew Bugajski

Girls GOLF



Row 1: Madalyn Raudonis, Olivia Smith **Row 2:** Elise Gluth, Alexis Whitehead, Carlyn Stone, Natalie Fitt **Row 3:** Miyah Hinkel, Carly Kuva, Coach Daniel Richardson.

Boys TENNIS



Row 1: Zachary Benninghoff, Frederick Kepler, Stefan Jacob, Lan New, Daniel Wilson, Logan Brock **Row 2:** Christopher Koutz, Michael Burns, Jason Merkel, Connor Raab, Bryce Ozelie, Shivam Patel, Meet Patel **Row 3:** Ishaan Patel, Martis Sprenne, Tyler Scheidt, Nolan Turoci, Satyavsh Arya, Coach Jordan Heckard

C-team Girls VOLLEYBALL



Row 1: Kayla Harwood, Vanessa Covarrubias, Kailyn Butler **Row 2:** Audrey Vanderhoek, Alexis Anderson, Mariah Roach, Angelina Zekavica **Row 3:** Coach Katie Gilmore, Spencer Supan, Coach Abbey Strohl

JV Girls VOLLEYBALL



Row 1: Kailyn Butler, Grace Bedka, Audrey Vanderhoek, Ariel Cassell **Row 2:** Hillary Martinez, Marissa Schneider, Maggie Carstensen **Row 3:** Coach Katie Gilmore, Danielle Opitz, Chloe Churilla, Coach Abbey Strohl

Varsity Girls VOLLEYBALL



Row 1: Sophia Johnston, Katelyn Bedka, Carly Raab, Amanda Hoffman **Row 2:** Riane Holder, Angelica Castillo, Danielle Opitz, Garran Grider, Taylor VanDommelen **Row 3:** Coach Gilmore, Katherine Brankin, Delia Curtis, Coach Abbey Strohl

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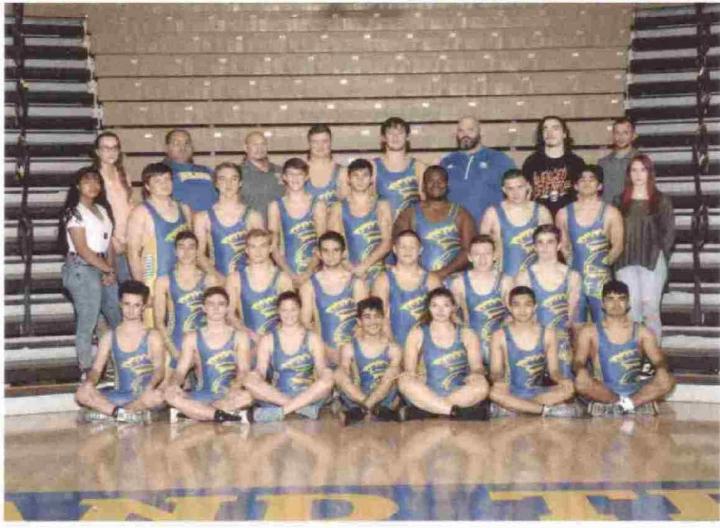
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Varsity Boys SOCCER



Row 1: Evan Hess, Joseph Sanders, Joshua Rudloff, Mitchell Wagner, Kyler Tanis, Rafael Garcia, Benjamin Strode **Row 2:** Colin Barsich, Anthony Mako, Josiah Wildman, Conner Olah, Aerik Tanis, Caden Mizner, Allan Velazquez **Row 3:** Nathaniel Safin, Kyle Gordon, Nathaniel Taillon, Dane Richardson, Jackson Raycroft, Victor Cruz **Row 4:** Coach Dylan Marich (Vol.), Coach Mark Tanis, Bryce Fulkerson, Joseph Tellez, Nicholas Witham, Michael Perry, Coach Andrew Timm

Varsity & JV WRESTLING



Row 1: Andrew Golumbeck, Dawson Curtis, Leah Bishop, Cosme Herrera, Juan Altamirano, Diego Diaz **Row 2:** Adam Ahmad, Cody LeNeave, Jacob Celestin, Andrew Barsich, Jesse Herrera, Storm Foreman **Row 3:** Amya Diaz (mgr), George Orona, Rudis Sprenne, Joseph Opitz, Anthony Mako, O'Cyrus Taylor, Noah VanHoose, Rodolfo Ortega, Sarah O'Riley (mgr) **Row 4:** Elizabeth Cook (mgr), Coach Samuel Perez, Coach Steve Marks, Justin Bogner, Samuel Perez, Coach Doug Robbins, Peyton Dukes (mgr), Coach Christopher Kirincic **Not Pictured:** Adam Ackermann, Julian Gray, Christopher Houk

C-team Girls BASKETBALL



Row 1: Andrea Felix, Haley Anderson, Selena Perez, Natalie Fitt, Audrey Vanderhoek **Row 2:** Kayla Robinson, Carly Kuva, Danielle Rubalcaba, Zelyah Barajas, Coach Brendan Ward

JV Girls BASKETBALL



Row 1: Chloe Churilla, Andrea Felix, Audrey Vanderhoek, Grace Melby, Selena Perez, Gina Perez, Danielle Rubalcaba **Row 2:** Zelyah Barajas, Breanna Burbridge, Lauren Wilson, Coach Alex Blank, Alyssa Johnson, Makayla Pawlak

Varsity Girls BASKETBALL



Row 1: Olivia Gibson, Amanda Cruse, Michaela Schmidt, Morgan Rinkema, Ariana Flores, Mackenzie Pickens, Cecilia Silva **Row 2:** Breanna Burbridge, Grace Melby, Grace Aurand, Lauren Wilson, Coach Chris Tomcsi, Coach Katie Gilmore, Danielle Opitz, Chloe Churilla

Freshmen Boys BASKETBALL



Row 1: Victor Velasquez, Aerik Tanis, Victor Serna, Marcus Vanzant, Bryce Ozelie, Gavin Hofkamp **Row 2:** Braydon Jones, Nicholas Steele, Solomon Alnimri, Preston Walker, Andrew Sands, Mekhi Moore, Coach Eric Beard

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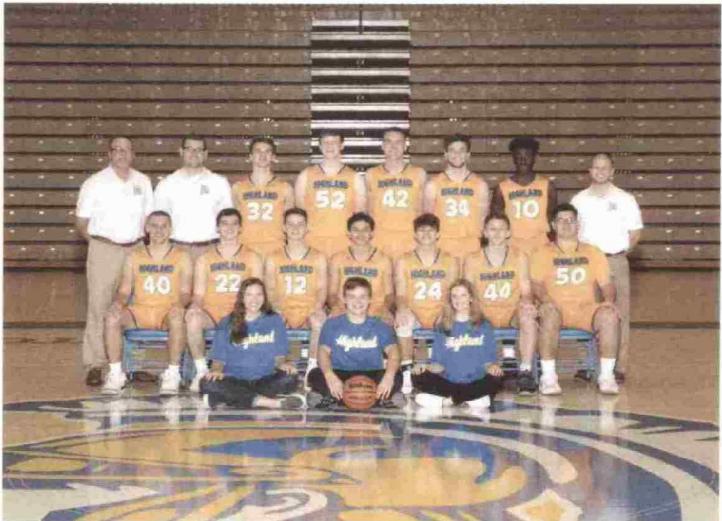


Row 1: Katherine Brankin (mgr), Connor Raab (mgr), Emma Hamilton (mgr)

Row 2: Austin Pizer, Kyren Abbott, Mohammad Issa, Kyle Dempsey, Kyle

Brown, James Rhoten **Row 3:** Matthew Gonzales, Jack Kryston, William Vanator, Joseph Tellez, Andrew Scott, Michael Perry, Coach Drew Boetel

Varsity Boys BASKETBALL



Row 1: Katherine Brankin (mgr), Connor Raab (mgr), Emma Hamilton (mgr)

Row 2: Trent Slaven, Dean Foundos, Matthew Gonzales, Xavier Arce, Zachary

Benninghoff, Michael Perry, Jordan Siska **Row 3:** Coach Tom Brankin, Coach Jordan Heckard, Camden Scheidt, Warren Kovacek, Tyler Scheidt, William Morinville, Myles Simmons, Coach Drew Boetel

Girls SWIM & DIVE



Row 1: Carlie Butler, Angelica McDonald, Marissa Moore **Row 2:** Molly

Rebey, Alina Wilson, Rachel Krick, Hillary Martinez, Rachel Stange, Alexandra

Rose **Row 3:** Jessica Jackura (mgr), Coach Nick Castillo, Blaine Anderson

(mgr), Coach Nathalie Rohling, Eleanor Davis (mgr), Coach Cheryl Fleming

Row 4: Elise Gluth, Emily Marvel, Hannah Rebey, Hollie Fox, Chloe Churilla,

Mya Bailey, Raquel Davila, Maggie Carstensen

Boys SWIM & DIVE



Row 1: Joseph Klapkowski, Eric McMahon, Edward Jania, Jhovany Leon

Vazquez, Iain Krull, Zachary Piech, Joshua Krull, Felipe Arbelaez, Joshua

Johnston **Row 2:** Jacob Simmons, Jessica Jackura (mgr), Coach Nathalie

Rohling, Blaine Anderson (mgr), Coach Nick Castillo, Eleanor Davis (mgr),

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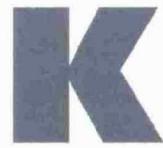


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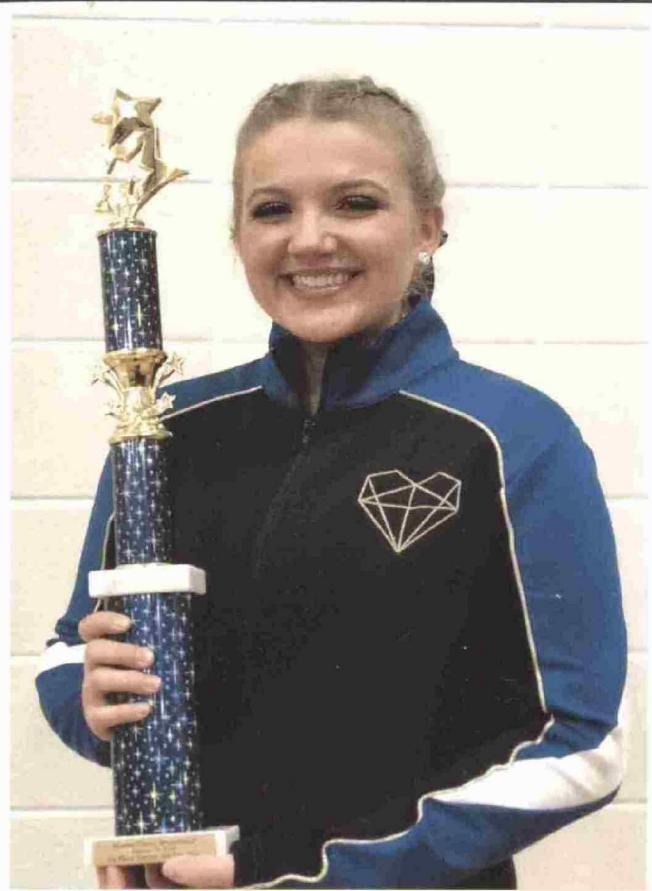
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Makenzie Marwitz

Watching you grow into the amazing woman you have become has been my life's greatest blessing.

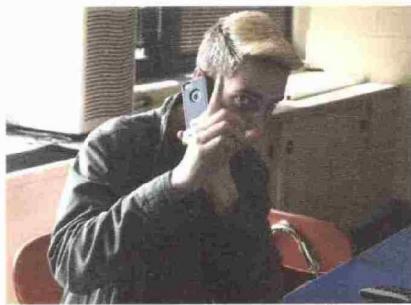
Since the day you were born you have had the kindest, most loyal, warm heart. As much as we would like to take credit for our part in getting you to where you are today, the truth is, it was that strength of spirit, that tenacity, that grit and that courage that played the greatest role in all that you have achieved. This marks the end of one chapter, but also the start of a new one. The pages are blank, the plot yours to create. We have no doubt that you will fill it with the warmest of characters, the most beautiful of songs, and endless stories of meaning and build an incredible future.

"Go confidently in the directions of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."
—Henry David Thoreau

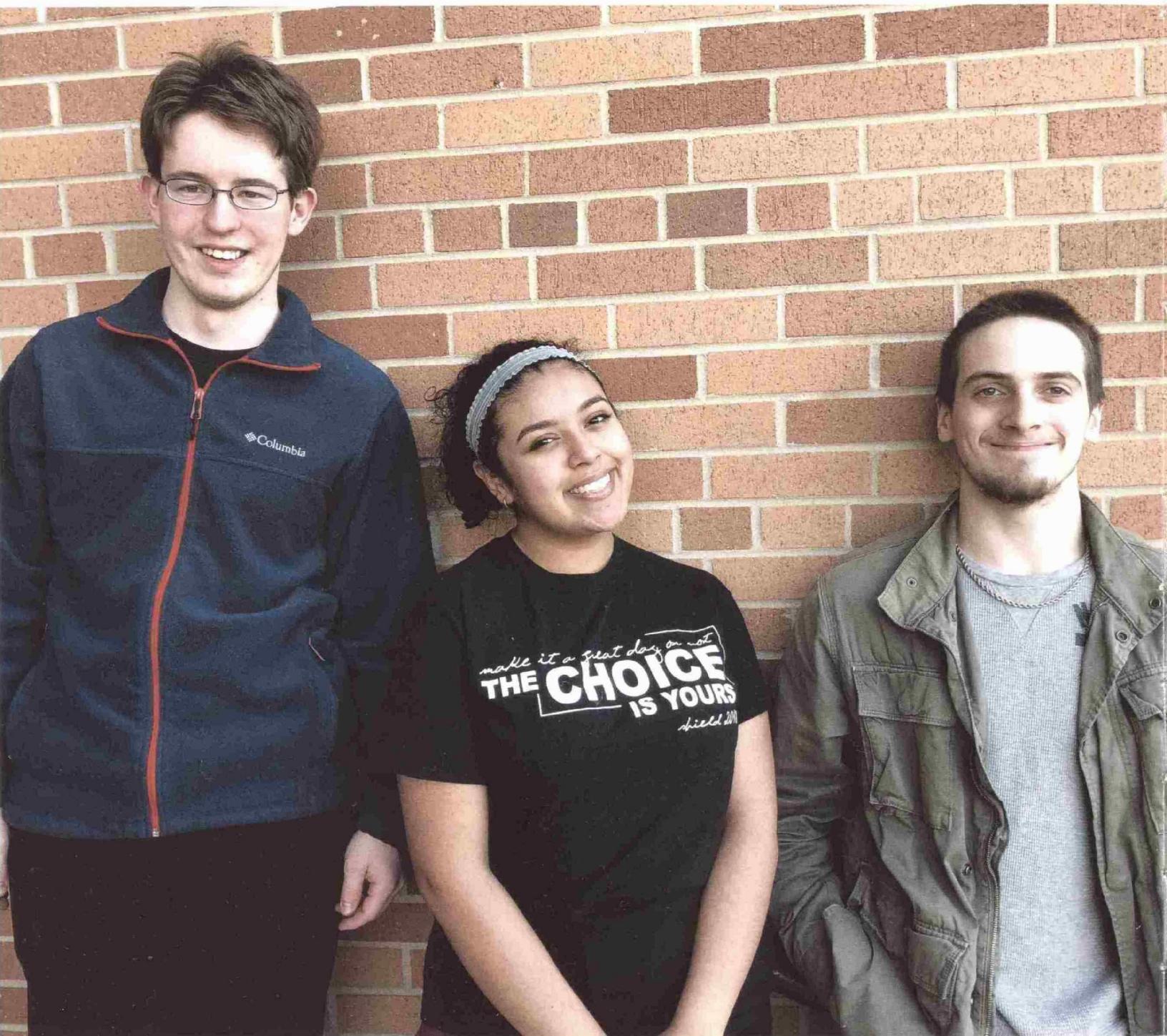
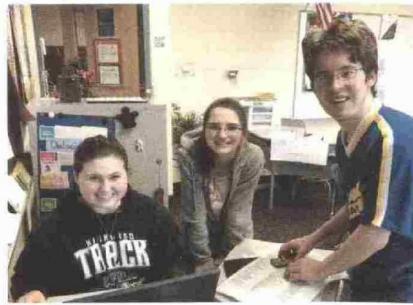
We love you to the moon and back, more than we can ever put into words.
Mom & Dad

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

*The tasks of completing interviews,
designing pages, selling ads, taking
photographs and managing deadlines
were yours.
And you handled it all with grace.*



In effort to finish a yearbook task, David Mendoza (12), focused on his important phone call to a parent while letting another staff member know that he could not assist them with their dilemma at the moment.



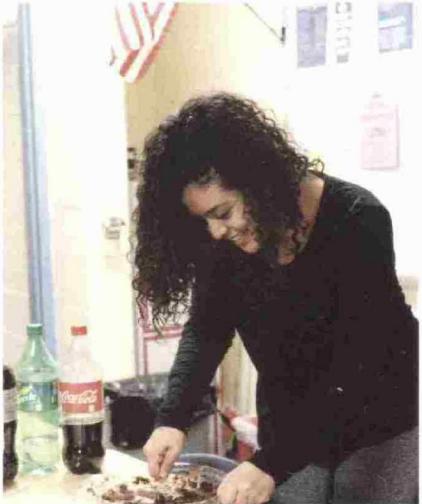
Daloop, I don't know where to start on how you have been an amazing addition to yearbook. You joined yearbook my freshman year, you're sophomore year. Ever since we started yearbook at the same time we have just been through it together. When we started our first year we would always be assigned a spread together. This with also having you in speech, helped me come out of my shell a little bit as our friendship was built. Now I have seen you grow so much as the Editor in Chief. You are now the main boss that everyone goes to and ask how to do something, what they should be working on, or what to do next. I honestly don't know what I will do next year without your amazing planning and multitasking. Your creativity is through the roof and you're such an intelligent young lady with a very kind heart. I know you'll go very far in life. *s. ragin*

With a smile John O'Connor (12) helped former editor in chief, Samantha Colbert (12) and former staffer Brittany Bowers (10) with writing captions for "The Choice is Yours" during his junior year on staff.



In between helping manage coverage of school happenings, Dalilah Vaquera (12) shared smiles with even junior yearbook staff members that were around for "More Than" yearbook meetings.

As final part of their last year yearbook deadline John O'Connor (12), Dalilah Vaquera (12), and David Mendoza (12) posed to celebrate together the completion of their final yearbook, "Bold Blue Way." **With an effort to** share the brownies Dalilah Vaquera (12) cracked the plastic knife while cutting them during a late work night. **Caught in the spirit of** the pep rally David Mendoza (12) and John O'Connor (12) participated in the cart float contest while Surfing IN to homecoming with yearbook.



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Traditions

Making a commitment to something for all of high school is not a thing that happens easily. Especially when it was a year long commitment.

The planning and managing of designing and completing a yearbook takes true dedication. From August to June, staffs have managed the load. David Mendoza (12) and John O'Connor (12) started this trend by "Taking it all IN" their freshman year. Dalilah Vaquera (12) joined them "More Than" a year later.

Since then, the yearbook room has been full of laughter, chaos and fun. "The Choice" was theirs to stick around and develop the book into something better.

The pica counting sprees, countless interviews that went bad, and scrambling to make sure coverage was better than the year prior was a task others wanted to walk away from. But they stood their ground to stick around.

With brownies, pizza, pretzels or without a snack you all found a way to stick to the theme, and make the book happen. It was not always easy and it was never perfect, but you three helped make these memories permanent. You wrote the stories always with a "Bold Blue Way" that will live forever. *s. terrell*

John, Without you, the yearbook wouldn't be able to function. The hard work you do for selling ads is a big help in keeping us functioning. I remember when I tried to do ad sales, and it made me anxious. I know for sure you're a natural at speaking to business owners and encouraging them to support our goal. Had you not been making ad sales we would not have had as many thanks to your outgoing personality. Juggling with other extracurriculars, like Key Club and NHS, we appreciate that you were able to balance your time for four long years. While you were never "IN love with the game," you were able to balance it all. Your sales pitches will be missed next year, and we wish you the best in all of your future endeavors. Stay dedicated and you will always achieve great things. *k. brooks*

DJ, Just like in every club, yearbook has a fair share of seniors, you included. While you might not have chosen yearbook on your own, you accepted the family position and stayed with it. With your band friendships you were able to pull myself and others into the publication world along with you. Over these four years you have sat with us, and previous staffs for deadline after deadline. While you are hard working and dedicated, you are also an absolute nerd. Whether it be yelling across the room or you walking in with a completely out of context comment, you always manage to make yearbook a fun and laughable time through all the stresses it brings. Balancing yearbook with band, swim, work and your family can't be easy but you always made it work. Your blunt and loud personality will be missed. Marching or behind a camera has helped bring you this far, keep taking steps to your future. *c. walter*



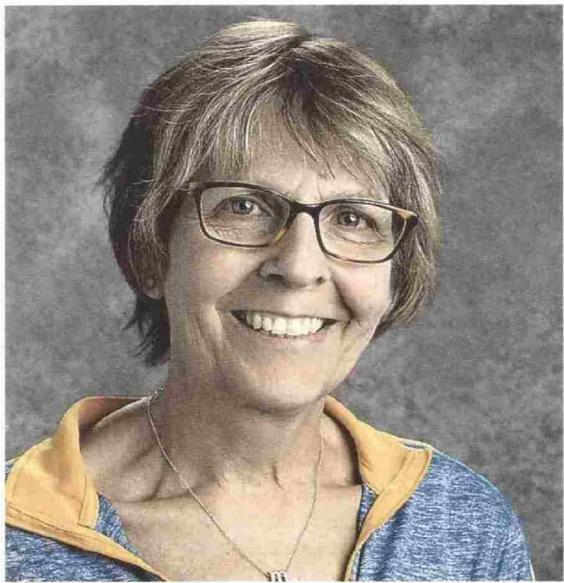
DJ Mendoza

The days of carrying you or holding your hand seemed like they passed in the blink of an eye. Spider-Man toys have been packed away and replaced with dreams, drums, and a car. Your acquired knowledge, personality, and charisma have changed you from my little boy to the man that stands before me. You are stronger than I ever thought you would be, and it amazes me how you always look for the best in everything. Please continue to move to the beat of your own drum, but never forget your journey. The good times taught you to laugh and smile, and the tough times taught you to persevere. Change the world and make a difference. Be the positive force that I know you can be because with God – and of course your mom – on your side ALL things are possible.

Love always, Mom
as well as Mama & Papa



Mrs. Mary Beth Lubarski



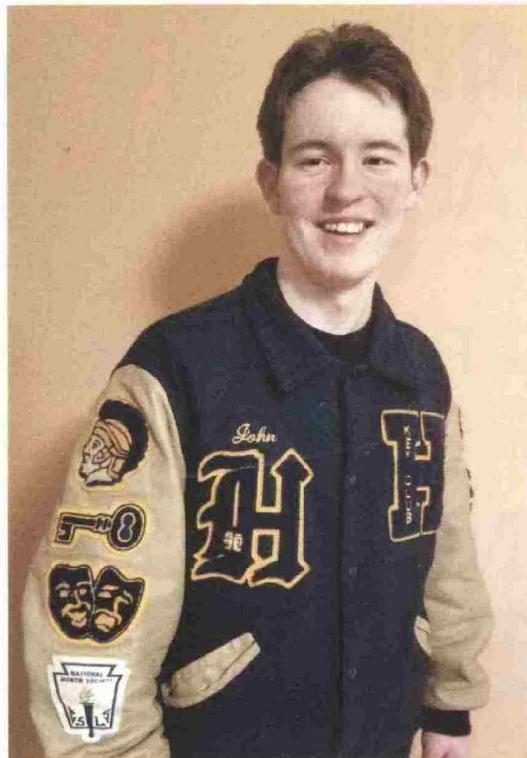
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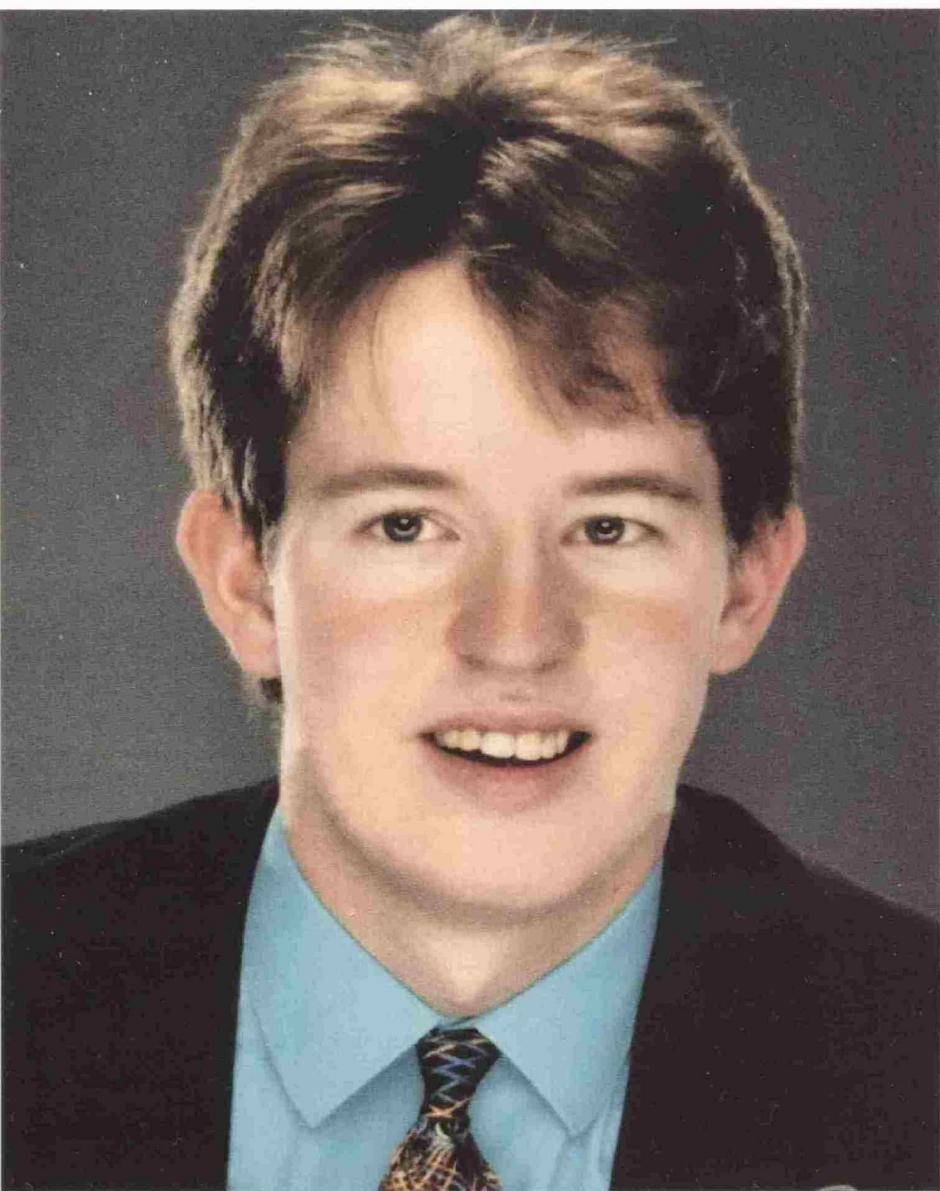
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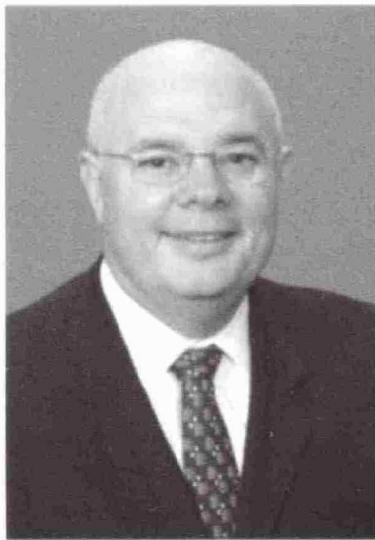
John O'Connor



CONGRATULATIONS

on all of your academic and amazing achievements! You have grown into an awesome young man and are such a great and precious gift: intelligent, hard working, helpful, very unique, and ever so special. We are so proud of you and know you will succeed as you realize all that life has to offer. May the future be magical and bring you much happiness and success. With God leading the way, may all your dreams come true!

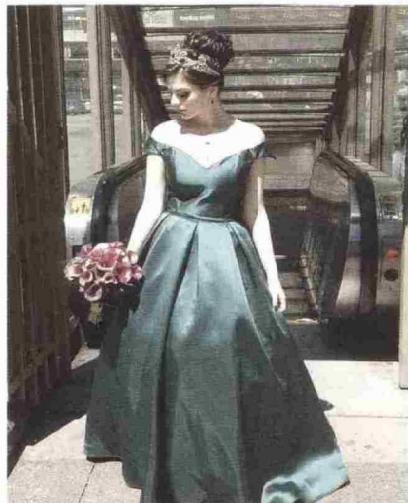
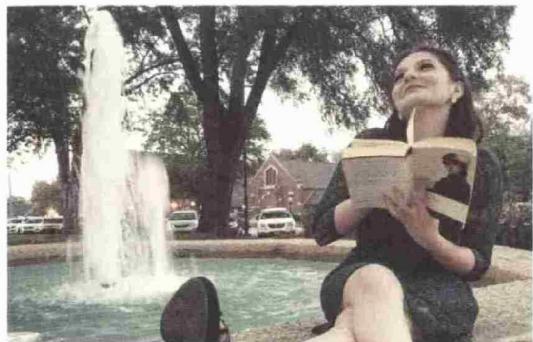
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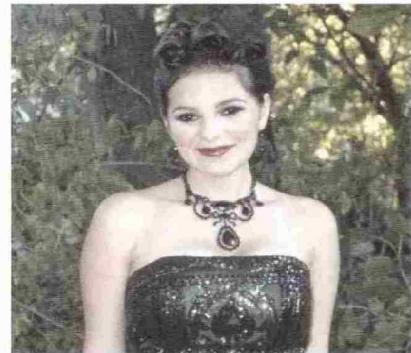
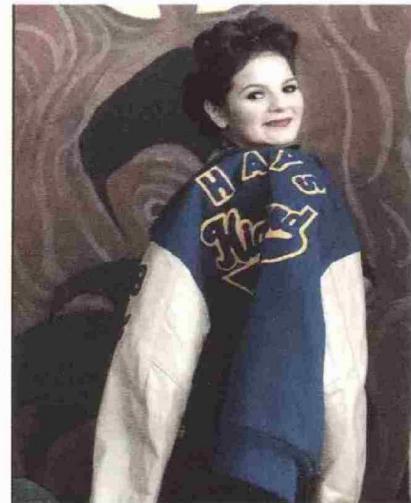
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Paige Hays

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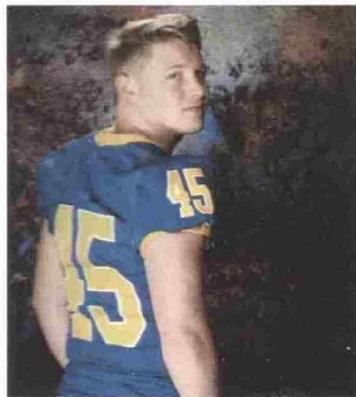
Love, your biggest fans,
Mom, Dad, and Richard



Brandon Phillips

B.P.

Enjoy this time, son. It goes by quickly!
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Bold Blue Way was developed during a "Your Book Workshop" held by Sales Representative, Mrs. Betty Samples at Lake Central High School. Elena Cruz (11), David Mendoza (12) and Sarah Ragin (11) attended this two day camp to develop design, coverage and most importantly, a theme. Conversations with other yearbook staffs and advisers allowed the trio to key in on the boldness, the spirit and the individuality that Highland possessed, leading to the phrase "Bold Blue Way." As a whole, we have bold characteristics that shine through our actions, education, involvement and more. School spirit was at an elevated level this year with a large student section always in theme indicating that we all have pride in the blue and gold. Individuals are allowed to showcase their specialties and strengths as they walk through our halls. As a whole, each is allowed to develop their way their journey will go. Highland Trojans, in this 60th anniversary edition of Shield, showcase their Bold Blue Way in tradition and new life.

d.mendoza



Proving that technology has changed, staffers were caught in a land of confusion while in Indianapolis, Indiana when they see a strange device outside of a restaurant.

In search of a complete story, David Mendoza (12) developed the opening to match the theme that was chosen by the theme development team. In the midst of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus, staffers finalized plans for Bold Blue Way. Anxiously anticipating her first page submission, Celeste Enriquez (9) reviewed her excellent work prior to Ms. Sherri Terrell sending it to the plant for submission.



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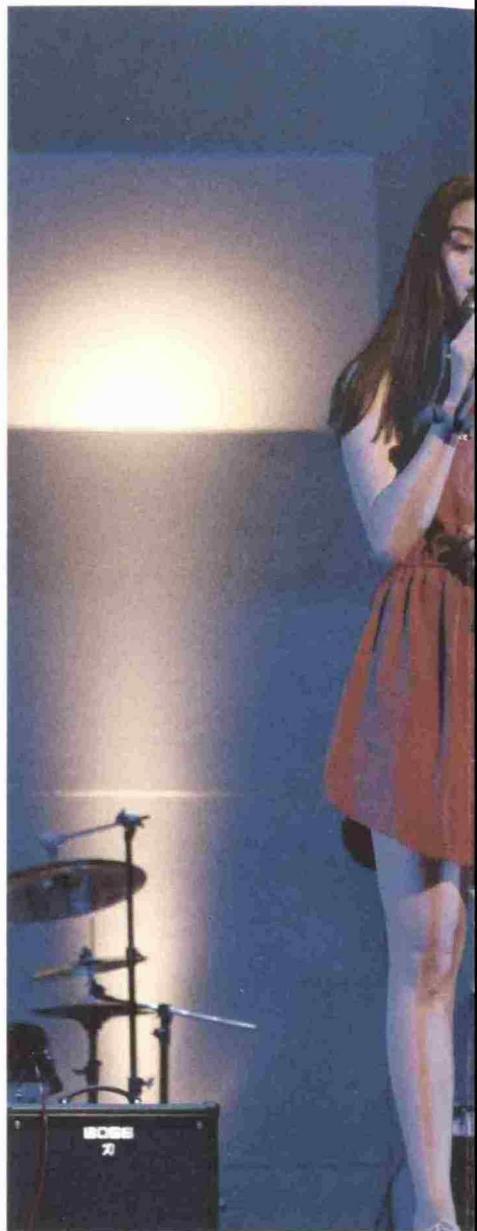
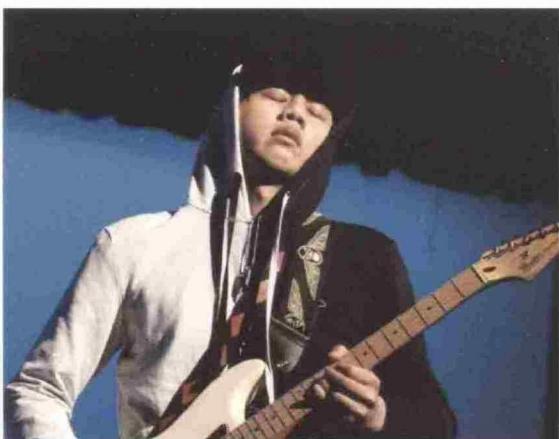
Pouring Out Their Hearts

Focusing on the background track that provided an addition to her vocals, Taylor Wilson (11) sang proudly, confidently, and beautifully to the crowd that had made it to the talent show. **To achieve the** best possible performance he could, Andrew Fink (11) sat in a chair with the microphone in hand, singing with as much soul and heart he could put into the song.



Psyched for the performance, Nevaeh Miranda (11) sang with a bright attitude, giving the song her all to amaze the crowd.

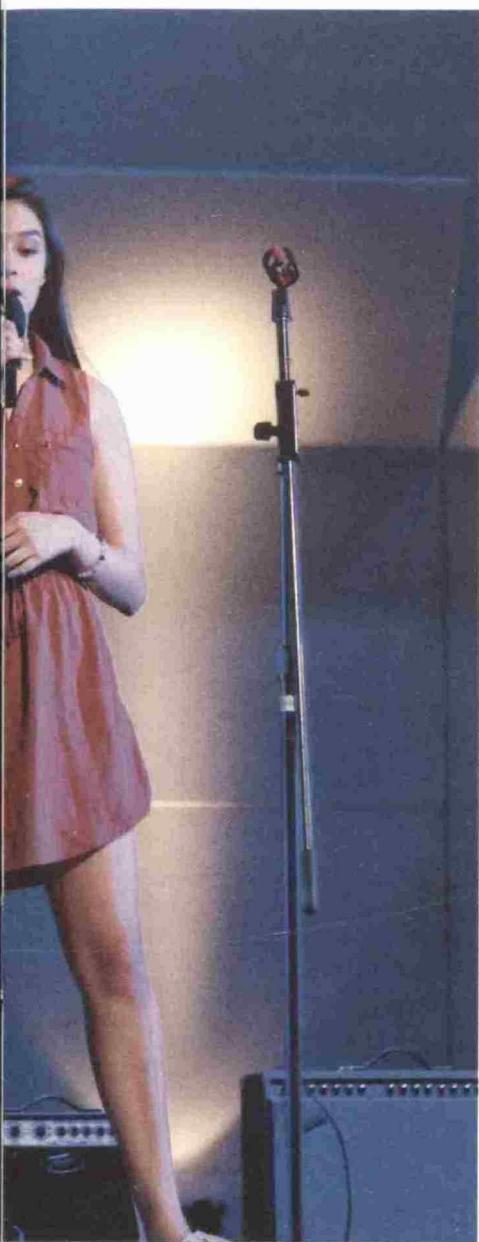
Focusing on the guitar strings at his fingertips Maxwell Chanthvong (12) stepped forward and played out to the crowd with great power. **With eyes focused** on the crowd Adrienne Valdez (12), in some of her best attire, sang out wholesomely and confidently.



Emcees bring a comedy act

Holding the crowd's attention through a lip sync rendition of "Don't go Breaking my Heart," Jack Banasiak (10) and Edward Jania (10) add an unexpected act to the talent show. **With an effort to** play the part, Edward Jania (10) pretended to play the piano, turned to the crowd, and tried to hold in his own laughter.

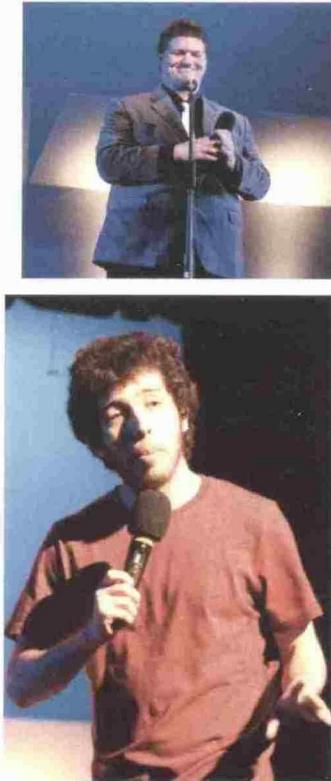




"My Mistake" Her original song.

Preforming at the talent show was already a difficult feat. Whether that be singing a popular song or telling jokes, it took a lot out of a person. Ericah Dongu (10) decided to take an original song of hers and share it with everyone, her voice ringing out with emotion and the piano providing accompaniment. **Eyes forward** Dongu (10) sang powerfully for the audience.

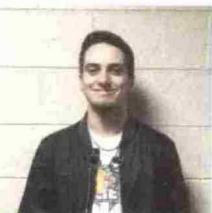
Captivating Acts



Having the support of the crowd, Hayden Greathouse (11) gave a gigantic grin towards the audience, who was found cheering and giving their full support to the amazing voice upon the stage. **To impress** the crowd Ricardo Castillo (12) took to the stage with an act far unlike the singing heard during the Talent Show telling a stand-up comedy story that truly held the crowds full attention.

Stage Fright Excited for their moment

Whether they are a veteran or a newbie, performing at the talent show held some anxiety, fright, or even just pure excitement for all of the performers.



"It was pretty fun but also made me really nervous. I practiced as much as I could for it, but that never prepared me for what the real thing would be like."

David Mendoza (12)



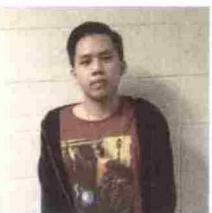
"It was very nerve-racking. I mean I have done it before – it was my third year doing it but it never gets easier and it is very high energy. It is very nerve-racking."

Ricardo Castillo (12)



"At first it was really nerve-racking because you're in front of all of those people. A lot of people didn't think many people wouldn't come out. So when you first get out [on stage] it's really nerve-racking."

Taylor Wilson (11)

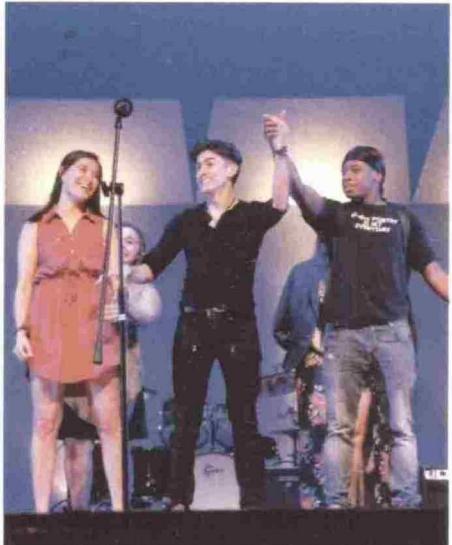


"It was the same as any other talent show. I was really excited and eager to perform even if it is just a small number of people."

Maxwell Chanthyvong (12)

Talent is abundant

Caught in the spirit of their win, the talent shows top three performers, Adrienne Valdez (12), Andrew Fink (11), and Joseph Stanley (11) raised their arms and prepared to give a bow with their brightest and biggest smiles. **Painting the** moment with words, Stanley (11) recited a powerful poem to the audience with deep emotion, securing himself a spot as one of the nights winners.





Artist of the Year

Ambitious and talented artist awarded for skill

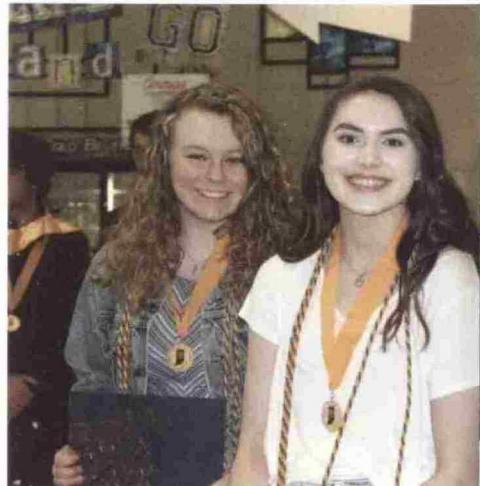
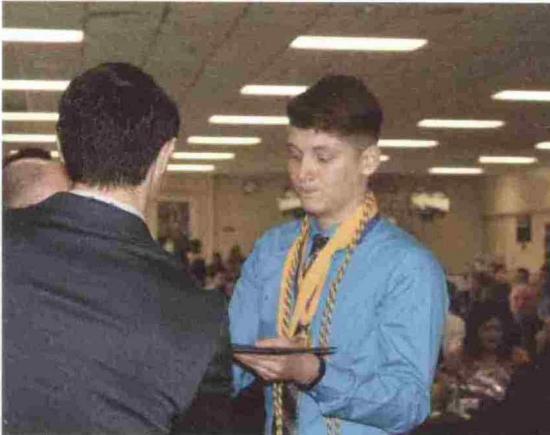
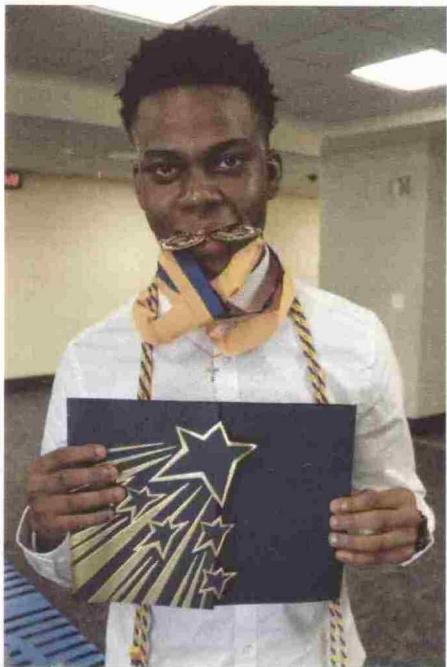
Due to her exemplary art skills, creativity, and passion, Stephanie Narantic (12) was chosen by Highland High School teachers to receive the annual Munster-Highland Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa Fine Arts Award. The award was granted to a senior who decided to further his or her education in the fine arts. Additionally, Highland High School purchased one of the recipient's pieces to frame, display, and hang in the hallways. "This piece being displayed is just the beginning of hopefully displaying more permanent artworks," said Narantic.

At the library art show, Narantic posed next to her piece titled "Icy Roads" which she later sold to Highland High School.

Cum Laude Luncheon

3.5 GPA Senior Luncheon

With a gleaming smile, Angela Golub (12) accepted her tassel and Academic Honors metal. **Showing off** his achievements, Wahab Akanbi (12) held is Academic Honors metal and Technical Honors metal between his teeth. **Receiving his certificate** in one hand, Armando Salinas (12) was presented his awards.



AP Studio Art



A unique final exam, AP Studio Art students painted a brick on the wall in the art room for their final grade. With animal masks on their heads, Layla Fryxell (12) and Mrs. Rhonda Szymanski had a laugh over the paper mache helmets made by artist Amy Casey at the Lubeznik Center for Arts.



One of only 69 invited students, Skylar Clark (12) graciously accepted her award at the Senior 3.5 GPA Luncheon.

Standing in a line that wrapped half way around the cafeteria, Kennedy Vernengo (12) and Payton Walker (12) smiled as Mrs. Rebekah Thompson (Class Sponsor) announced the last of the students. **Clad in their** achievements, Caroline Reagan (12) and Paige Hays (12) posed for a picture outside of the high school cafeteria.

"A" Honor Roll Breakfast



Holding the A for the entire year

Presenting a heartfelt speech, Ms. Mary Beth Lubarski congratulated the students for their outstanding academic achievements for the 2018-2019 school year. **Smiling proudly**, Michael Burns walked from his seat in the cafeteria to Dr. Patrick Weil's podium when his name was announced.

Competitive Transition to High School Baseball

"High school baseball is more serious I think than Babe Ruth because you are working for something and not just to play."

Andrew Kutcka (9)



"With Babe Ruth baseball it is really just like a recreation league where you work on your skills as opposed to high schools baseball is more like a college field where they take it more serious. It is academics and baseball."

Andrew Sands (9)



"High school you are with better players and Babe Ruth is more split up, it is just fun. Babe Ruth you score a lot more. High school, you are with more of your friends at the same time. We do not really travel but we play at the same place and everyone is on a different team."

Ryan Smith (9)



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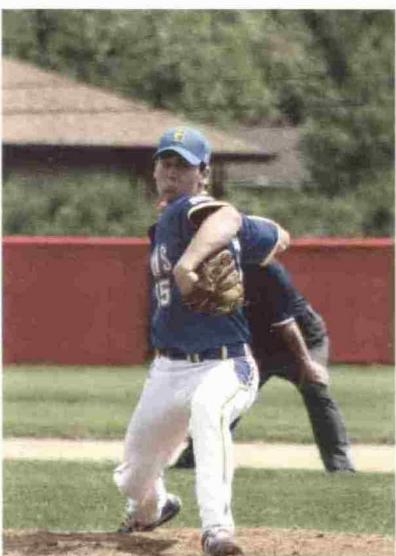
TIME

With a watchful eye

Anthony Reid (11) lunged forward and made a pouting face as he readied himself to pitch the ball to his teammate.

Determined to

capture the ball, Mark DeLeon (12) turned around, catching the ball with as much concentration as he could provide.





With eyes focused on the ball, Meet Patel (12) went to a position to catch the ball and get another player out. In an effort to score a run, Lee Smith (12) ran full speed to home plate. Focusing on the game, the group of baseball players intensely watched and supported their teammates on base and at bat. In preparation for the ball to come his way, Conner Olah (11) kept his mitt open.



Taking a deep breath Hoyt Bennett (11) squatted down and outstretched his arms in hopes to catch any free balls the current hitter missed, wishing to see them strike out. While adjusting the position and loading up, Austin Pizer (10) readied himself for the ball that was ready to be pitched.

the SEASON

	Varsity	US	THEM
Merrillville	3	4	
Hammond Morton	14	0	
Kankakee Valley	6	1	
Kankakee Valley	14	0	
Hammond Gavit	11	0	
Hammond Central	13	3	
Hammond	23	0	
Hobart	9	10	
Hobart	1	2	
Whiting	6	2	
Illiana Christian	3	1	
Munster	5	10	
Andrean	6	7	
Andrean	0	15	
Munster	2	5	
*East Chicago Central	15	0	
*Lake Central	3	4	

*denotes Sectional game

	Junior Varsity	Us	Them
Michigan City	6	1	
East Chicago Central	12	0	
Lake Central	2	3	
Kankakee Valley	7	6	
Kankakee Valley	14	4	
Portage	9	3	
Lowell	7	2	
Lowell	1	3	
Hobart	10	4	
Hobart	10	0	
Gavit	12	1	
Andrean	3	15	
Andrean	3	4	

Crossing Over

"I get a lot of extra practice and extra games in. I usually play second and I pitch. It has allowed me to get a lot more practice, more reps, and just overall made me a better player. I just give my hardest every game and practice I have."

Jayden Rhyne (9)

"JV is really down on players. I play shortstop and pitcher. We practice together and games are not on the same day. It's helped a lot. I have been getting a lot of baseball time, playing my best."

Nicholas Steele (9)

"We do not have that many freshmen this year so I play freshmen and JV to help out with both teams. I play outfield and first base for both teams and we usually practice together. You really learn a lot through both teams and the coaches are really good, they teach you a lot."

Bryce Ozelie (9)

"I cross over because my coaches think I am good enough to play for both teams. I play center field. We practice together and I play whatever game I have to for that day. It has helped me manage my time."

Aerik Tanis (9)

Freshman Scores

	Us	Them
Valparaiso	3	4
Valparaiso	7	6
Hobart	12	11
Chesterton	3	7
Chesterton	11	12
Munster	4	3
Kankakee Valley	12	2
Whiting	25	3
Portage	3	15
Chesterton	5	7
Chesterton	5	4



Heading back to home base, Benjamin Strode (11) twisted his face into a grimace as he ran in to score another run for the Trojans. **Lined up against** the baseball diamond, the team stood uniformly as the National Anthem played over the speakers. **Presenting the new** lights through interview, Coach John Bogner expressed how grateful the team was for the new lights.



Under the Lights

Spring Showers

The 2019 spring season was the second year of record rainfall in the midwest. This greatly affected the Golf team and their schedules and meets.

"The weather conditions caused a lot of plugged balls. I know a lot of players lost their balls and that would add strokes to their scores, which is not good."

Kyler Tanis (12)



Practice Routines



"Hitting balls on the driving range. It normally warms me up to how its going to be on that certain day."

Dane Richardson (10)



"I usually just chill and practice swinging my driver, I just take practice swings to calm my mind."

William Gibson (10)



"Normally hitting on the range. I can work on my swing without worrying where the ball is going. I can also see if the ball is going straight and hit the same club many times without having to go chase after balls."

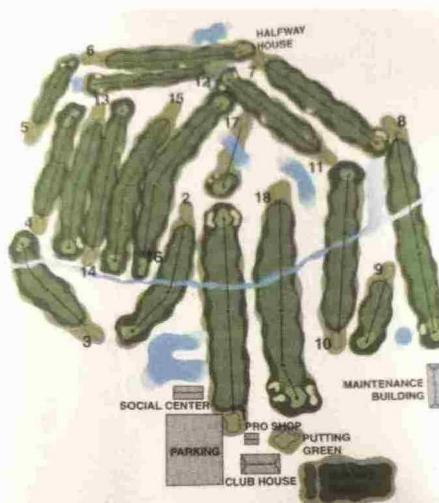
Joseph Opitz (9)



I like to put in my Powerbeats and listen to hip-hop/rap music and knock down some putts on the practice green. Then, I will go over to the chipping green and practice some chips. The music makes it so I can block out all the noise and really focus on what I am doing. After I am done chipping, it will be time to start.

Andrew Johnsen (11)

Hardest Fairway at our home course



"For me, it is hole 2, its kind of a longer par 4 and it's usually always blowing into the wind, and there's a ditch in the landing area of my driver. I have to hit my 3 wood to not go into the hazard. So it kinda forces me to take a shorter club, and hit the ball shorter, but yet its a long hole, so its hard to hit the green coming back into the wind."

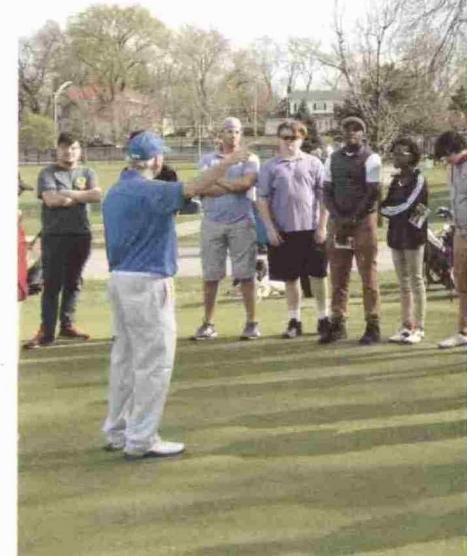
Frederick Kepler (12)



"I would say hole 16 is the hardest. It is a long par five, it dog-licks to the right, so you gotta hit around a bend. It's a longer hole, so if you start off weak, you have to recover. I think the distance and the angle is what makes it harder."

Joshua Krull (12)

Meeting with their competition Colin Lenzo (11) and Thor Severson (10) made their way towards the first hole. Swinging a perfect shot Joshua Rudloff (11) putted directly into the hole. Gathering for their home meet, the varsity team listened in on the schedule for the day.



Freshman Playing Varsity

Playing golf for as long as he can remember has led to Connor Raab (9) easily entering the varsity golf team, using his experience to make a better team. "It is a big accomplishment and it is great playing with older guys full of knowledge but it was earned through years of hard work. The game of golf is repetition and being confident in hitting that drive, chip shot, or sinking that putt. The experience over the years has really helped me," said Raab.

Matches

	US	THEM
Lake Central	161	192
Munster	182	192
Illiana Christian	161	193
Kankakee Valley	205	194
Munster	184	182
Hobart	192	177
Griffith	196	215
Lowell	196	194
Portage	186	175
Andrean	171	181
Morton	267	180
Gavit	241	180
Bishop Noll	212	164

Invitationals

	SCORE	PLACE
Kankakee Valley Invite	420	13/20
Renselaer Invite	400	9/15
LaPorte Invite	382	16/24
Conference Tourney	340	3/6
Sectionals	343	3/11
Regionals	377	14/18

the **SEASON**



Junior Varsity Preparation



Practicing his short game before the match started, Evan Hess (12) sought to master the putting green. Keeping his equipment in shape, Jordan Warren (9) went through all of his clubs for cleaning. Taking time on the open course, William Gibson (10) improved his swinging with his driver before he went to the tee.

the SEASON

Varsity

US THEM

Merrillville	15	0
Morton	13	1
Griffith	2	0
Valparaiso	11	9
Valparaiso	3	6
Lowell	1	5
Hobart	6	8
Kankakee Valley	7	15
Whiting	12	2
Andrean	4	2
Munster	3	10
Gavit	12	0
Hammond	10	0
Lowell	8	7
Kankakee Valley	0	6
South Central	10	11
Andrean	3	2
Hobart	5	1
Munster	1	6
Chesterton	1	7
Crownpoint	0	10
Illiana Christian	3	5
Lake Central	0	10
Portage	9	1
Wheeler	4	3
Calumet	11	0
Clark	11	5
*Hanover Central	4	5

*denotes Sectionals

Junior Varsity

US THEM

Merrillville	18	1
Morton	21	0
Griffith	23	4
Valparaiso	8	7
Valparaiso	10	3
Lowell	9	3
Hobart	17	1
Whiting	14	1
Munster	10	1
Hanover	12	11
Hanover	15	4
Boone Grove	10	2
Gavit	19	0
Lowell	3	2
Kankakee Valley	13	3
Hobart	13	3
Munster	3	13
Andrean	16	3
Chesterton	5	8
Lowell	14	3
Valparaiso	6	4
Munster	7	1
Illiana Christian	14	4
Lake Central	0	10
Illiana Christian	8	6
Portage	9	10
Illiana Christian	8	6

To complete the play, Jamie Gessler (12) forcefully threw the ball to her teammate.

"This year brought a new energy and different drills with other views about the game and that was nice because we had a lot of new girls on varsity this year. This team was the closest team I have been on during my high school career."

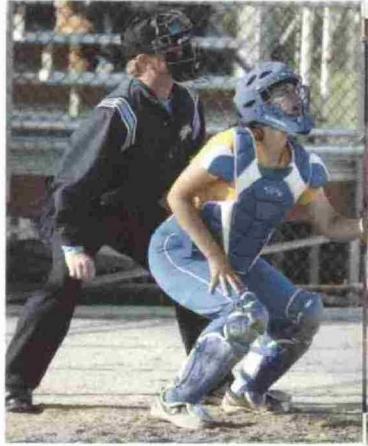
Jamie Gessler (12)

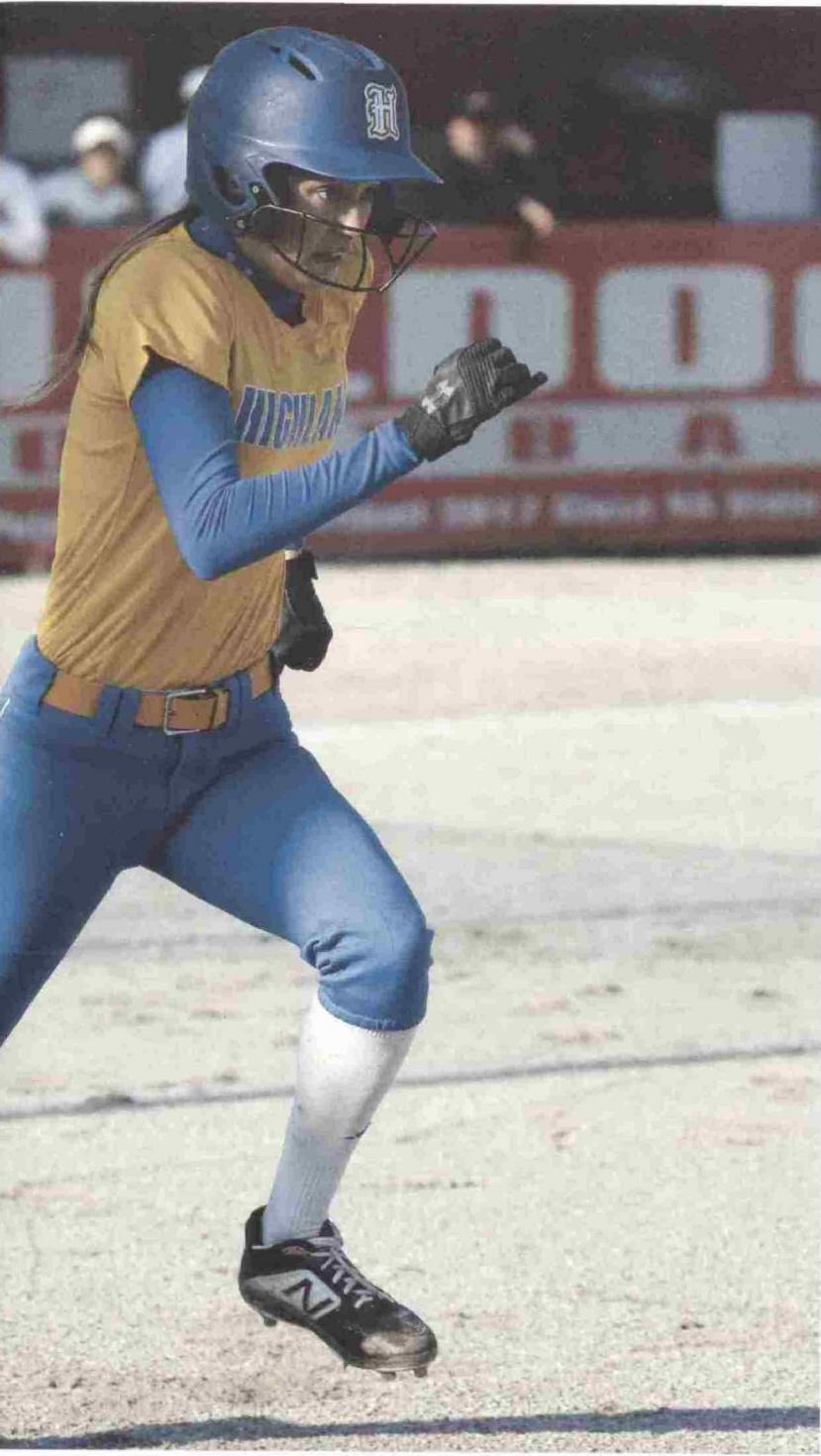


Girls in the Diamond

With a perfect beginning

Lauren Wilson (10) and Amanda Hoffman (11) squinted at the bright sun as they made their way onto the field. With all her might, Jamie Gessler (12) slid into home plate, avoiding the catcher. Taking time out for a quick conversation Emily Price (10), Morgan Rinkema (12) and Jessica Hanson (11) relax in the outfield. Reaching for the ball that's flying through the air, Hannah Wleklinski (10) jumped with great power.





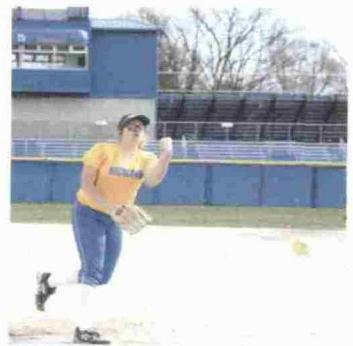
With a look of determination, Morgan Rinkema (12) sprinted toward first base after making contact with the ball. **Eyes in the air,** catcher Angelica Castillo (9) watched for an infield pop-up. **With the bat positioned** over her shoulder, Carley Ramirez (12) eyed the pitcher before the pitch.



Before the game, Ryzewski laughed with her teammate as they walked toward the field.

'The new head coach is very uplifting and she tells you that she believes in you. When she can tell that you are struggling, she pulls you aside to help you. She expects a lot from us, when we don't compete to our ability she gets upset. I enjoy going to practice because she makes them fun and they make me laugh. We have bonded so much and I love my team very much.'

Hallie Ryzewski (11)



Playing The Field

In perfect synchrony, Felicity Plant (12) anticipated the toss from Ramirez (12) to secure the out against Merrillville High School. **With the softball** secured in her mitt, Emma Hamilton (11) successfully aided in the play. **To secure another out,** Kiley Elbaor (12) threw another strike with intensity to her catcher behind the plate.

Pressuring her opponent

Maegan Shaw (10) rushed forward, chasing after the ball her opponent had just sent back over the net.

Arms outstretched

Megan Szymanski (11) swung greatly, letting the other player know she was ready for whatever was going to get thrown against her.

Eyes forward

Sarah Peters (11) watched the ball intently after hitting it to her opponent, hopping to make a point.

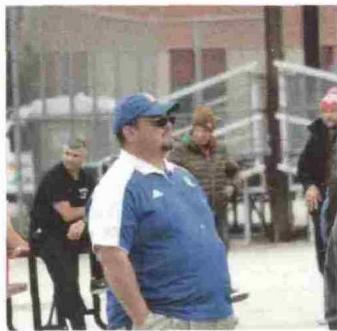


Ready for the next Move



With a look of determination
Jasmin Eulloqui (10) raised her racket to send the incoming ball back over the net. **With her eyes on the ball** Emily Marvel (11) prepared for her next swing, hoping to score a point on her opponent and win the match.

With a watchful eye
Coach Terry Steenson looked on as his team participated in first round of sectionals.



Us		Them
5	Gavit	0
1	Merillville	4
5	Hammond High	0
5	Griffith	0
0	Crown Point	5
0	Munster	5
2	Hobart	3
2	North Newton	3
1	Lowell	4
1	Kankakee Valley	4
2	Andrean	3
2	Whiting	3
2	Munster	3

SEASON SCORES

Senior Night Smiles



Carefully watching the camera, Erica Felix (12), Estrella Gutierrez-Solis (12), Jacqilyn Acevez (12) and Gloria Linkiewicz (12) smile brightly with bouquets of bright flowers in hand at their senior night match.

In the Mindset



"I prepare by kind of listening to music, and watching other players. I try to practice a little bit, working on serving and hitting or just try to prepare myself for the match. I just really love playing tennis."

Estrella Gutierrez-Solis (12)



"I prepare before a game by practicing and try to be positive. My coach keeps me motivated because I want to go to college to play tennis. All [that] I do in my free time is play tennis so it doesn't really affect my personal life."

Jasmin Eulloqui (10)



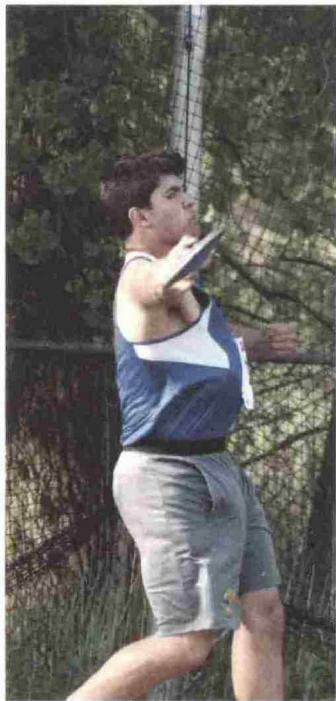
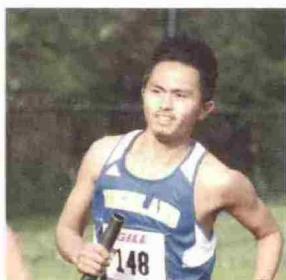
"The amount of practices we have, how we are all like a team, and how we all mess around is why I like my team. We work with people we're close with and the we go against each other."

Brianna Biggs (10)



"Everyone on the team is very supportive and I had a lot of friends that wanted to [play] tennis. Playing tennis is something that is very fun for me, we just have fun making the most out of it."

Loretta Santino (9)



Keeping up with the other runners in the race, Eric Alegre (12) ran his leg of the 4x800 relay. **Twisting into a** throwing position, Christian Rios (10) prepared to release the discus and throw it as far as he could.



With all his might, Mason Plebanski (11) jumped over the hurdles to end his warm up. **Soaked with sweat** Ethan Celestin (12) hustled his way to the finish line as to complete his sprinting event.



Taking advantage of his pacing against his opponent Anthony Brucer (9) held his own in his race.

Just before the race began, Orlando Avila (11) calmed himself mentally before getting into a starting position.



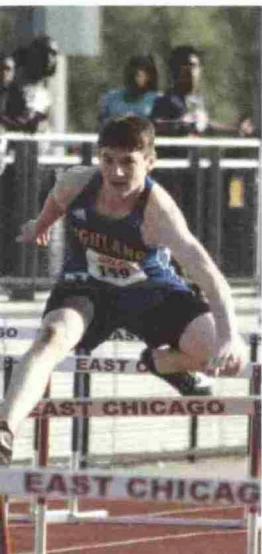


Jumping far and high

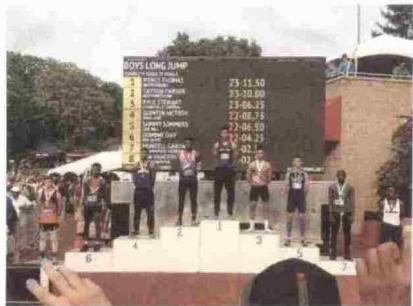
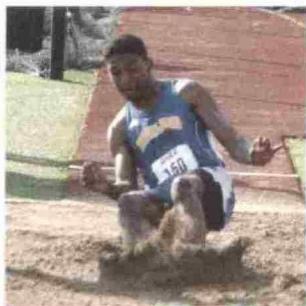
Twisting into a arched position, Tyler Scheidt (12) attempted to land on the mat below and clear the high jump event. **Paying special attention to** where he was supposed to jump from, William Morinville (12) prepared to lift off from the long jump event.



Hastily working to end the last leg of his event, Joseph Stanley (11) sprinted to the finish line. **With eyes focused on the** camera, Mateo Garcia (11) and Matthew Roach (12) take a picture together. **In an effort to** conceal his fatigue, Rafael Rios (12) ran his event. **After following through** with his jump, Ethan Litavcev (10) prepared to land on the track and finish the hurdles event.



Leaping into State



Back for another shot at the State title, Quinten McToy (11) places 4th place in the long jump event.



Frustrated with his performance last year, McToy performed even better this year and made it to the 4th place slot of the podium at the State meet for the long jump event. McToy stated "This year my coach bought me tape and placed it to resemble the board they have at Indiana University which might not seem like a hard thing to get by."



Season Results

US	THEM
L Hanover	W
W Lowell	L
W Kankakee Valley	L
W Hobart	L
1st Highland Invite	
W Munster	L
W Andrean	L
1st NCC Conference	
1st Sectionals	
4th Regionals	
30th State	



Lucas Guerra (10) qualified for state competition for the second year in a row. This year after the team won sectionals, Guerra took a picture with head coach, Mr. Pete Koulianios and girls coach, Mr. Robert Lukowski. Guerra placed tenth at the state competition.

Second Visit is Better

Running Events

There are a variety of events that make up a track meet. Running makes up a bulk of those.



TRACK for a purpose



"Getting a personal record that you've worked so hard for and accomplishing your goals is amazing. Being able to do it with my teammates helps."

Catheryn Markus (9)



"I like track because of the people I do it with. Your team really helps you push harder. When I mess up they motivate me to work harder."

Kylieann Raddatz (9)



"My favorite parts about track are trying to enjoy it and having a good time with friends. Also, trying not to hard to focus on the sport of the year."

Miranda Bates (10)

SPRINTING TO FINISH



Moving past the Lowell runner to her left, Erica West (11) used her endurance to advance her past opponents.

Moving toward the finish line Jenna Donohue (10) used her arms to propel her along the way. **Getting ready for the** starter to kick off her race, Erica West (10) set her feet into the blocks held by Hailey Childress (11).

Focused on the current race Mira Handley (9) watched her pacing with the help of teammates so she could stay ahead of her competitors. **Just before the** straightway Kyla Gamez (9) hugged the curve as she maintained a strong pace in lane one. **In anticipation of** a record breaking relay Mackenzie Pickens (12) bolted off of her starting blocks to give her relay team a competitive edge.





With the intent to improve her running ranks, Grace Aurand (10) ran her way into the post season.

To make her season a memorable one, Victoria Guerrero (11) progressed through a successful indoor season to a post season filled with great accomplishments.

Pushing past the expectations Zoie Ison (12) pushed her way to the finish line during the sectional meet. **In order to** keep a lead, Ciera Lee (12) lengthened her strides as she made her way around the track.



FIELD EVENTS

In an effort to leap into the air and land her best jump Jelah Jernigan (11) jumped off of the board into the sandpit after completing her sprint in step.

Participating in one of two throwing events, Mackenzie Pickens (12) launched the 8.8 pound shot put out onto the field.



Freshmen Baseball

Row 1: Maximus Herring, Jayden Rhyne, Andrew Kutcka, Aerik Tanis **Row 2:** Gavin Hofkamp, Andrew Sands, Bryce Ozelie **Row 3:** Nicholas Steele, Coach Brian Lukich (Volunteer), Coach Keith Smith, Ryan Smith



JV Baseball

Row 1: Grant Breitweiser, Ryan Kowalski, Jonathon Zarate **Row 2:** Jason Merkel, Jacob Domagalski, Antonio Maldonado, Connor Behary **Row 3:** Matthew Gonzales, Coach Brian Lukich (Volunteer), Coach Sam Michel, Michael Perry, Leocadio DeLeon



Varsity Baseball

Row 1: Lee Smith, Meet Patel, Tristen Hendricks, Mark DeLeon, Nathan Matthews, Joseph Thompson, Austin Pizer **Row 2:** Hoyt Bennett, Jordan Siska, Justin Bogner, Anthony Reid, Riley Bertalan, Benjamin Strode **Row 3:** Camden Scheidt, Anthony Villarreal, Coach Matthew Bugajski, Coach John Bogner, Coach Bryan Gordon (Volunteer), Dimitri Ivetic, Conner Olah



Boys Golf

Row 1: Joshua Rudloff, William Gibson, Ryan Mengel, Dane Richardson, Frederick Kepler
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JV Girls Tennis

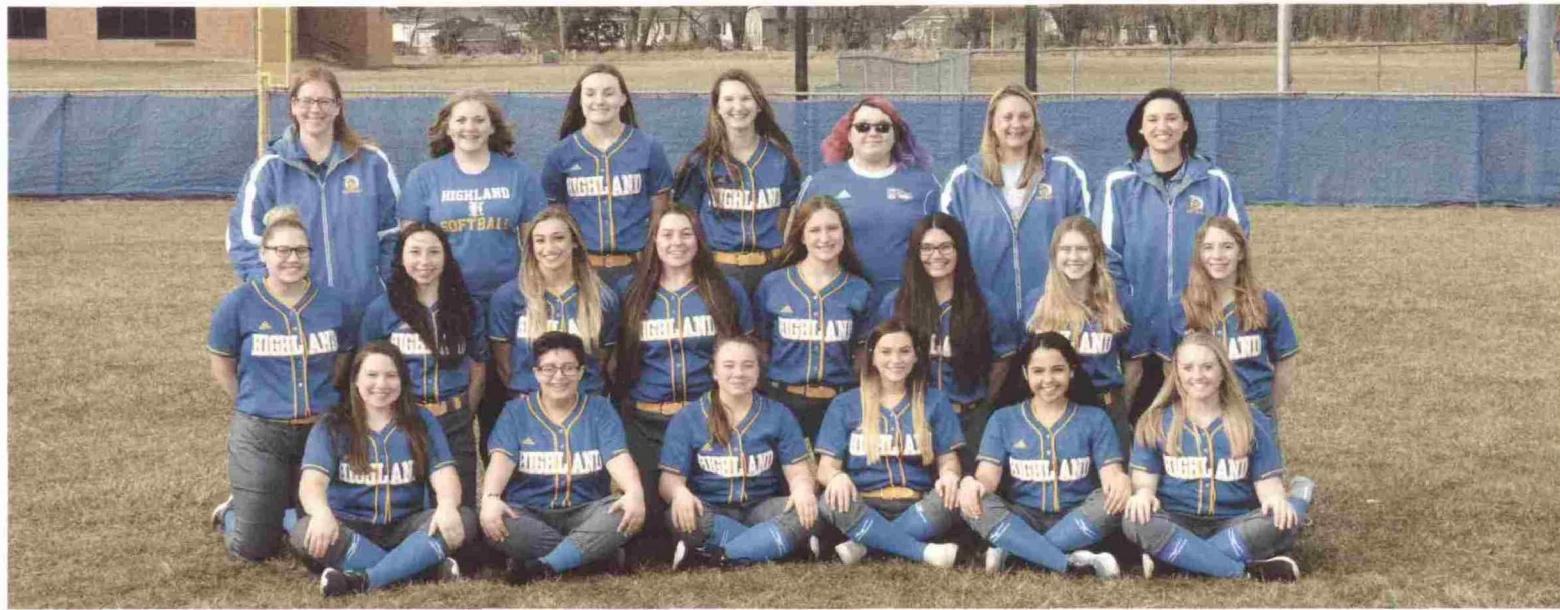
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Varsity Girls Tennis

Row 1: Bonnie Butler, Jasmin Eulloqui, Sarah Peters, Megan Szymanski **Row 2:** Audrey Zoeteman, Estrella Gutierrez-Solis **Row 3:** Jacqilyn Acevez, Maegan Shaw, Emily Marvel, Coach Terry Steenson

JV Softball



Row 1: Alexandria DiSanto, Skylar Celestin, Lacey Pierce, Natalie Hawley, Elise Mundo-Sweet, Ava Leffel **Row 2:** Isabelle Ochoa, Ariel Cassell, Jessica Hanson, Breanna Burbridge, Leah Bonior, Mykaela Avila, Emily Price, Karolyn Pineiro **Row 3:** Coach Lisa Stuart, Brianna Schaehrer, Danielle Opitz, Lauren Wilson, Hope Berry (manager), Coach Christina Sides, Coach Jessica Brannagan

Varsity Softball



Row 1: Jamie Gessler, Hallie Ryzewski, Ava Leffel, Lacey Pierce, Felicity Plant, Amanda Hoffman, Carley Ramirez **Row 2:** Hannah Wleklinski, Kiley Elbaor, Jessica Hanson, Breanna Burbridge, Emma Hamilton, Angelica Castillo **Row 3:** Coach Lisa Stuart, Coach Christina Sides, Amya Diaz (manager), Morgan Rinkema, Olivia Gibson, Taylor Collins (manager), Coach Jessica Brannagan

Boys Track & Field



Row 1: Hugo Miranda, Xavier Mendoza, Eric Alegre, Alexander Salazar, Mateo Garcia, Ethan Celestin, Orlando Avila, Liam Lamberg, Adam Ackermann **Row 2:**

Ethan Lewis, Andrew Stephen, Anthony Brucer, Colin Gomez, Kenneth Finke, Bradlee Seehausen, Andrew Barsich, Zachary Piech, Jacob Simmons, Zachary Frye

Row 3: Mason Plebanski, Samuel Perez, Steven Niemann, Dylan Hanson, Garret Hudnall, Wahab Akanbi, Ethan Litavec, Maximus Campos, Benjamin Salinas

Row 4: Christian Rios, Rafael Rios, Jaysen Hilligoss, Kevin Hasier, Coach Pete Koulianatos, Coach Charles Podgorny, Nicolas Hernandez, Eian Tiltges, Ethan

Tomlinson, Lucas Guerra, Mark Alvarado **Row 5:** Adam Ahmad, Preston Walker, William Morinville, Tyler Scheidt, Nicholas Markus, Michael Zaronias, Benjamin

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Girls Track & Field



Row 1: Jelah Jernigan, Aylin Chavez, Lindsay Modjeski, Alina Wilson, Marissa Gibson, Mariah Roach **Row 2:** Mackenzie Pickens, Nina West, Autumn Vanderlee,

Braelyn Washick, Amber Sobkowicz, Madelyn Smigla, Ciera Lee, Hailey Childress **Row 3:** Jaquelyne Arellano, Brianna Lopez, Maggie Carstensen, Danielle

Rubalcaba, Catheryn Markus, Hollie Fox, Zoie Ison, Olivia Skertich, Victoria Guerrero **Row 4:** Ariana Salazar, Kailyn Butler, Miranda Bates, Morgan Juarez, Kylieann

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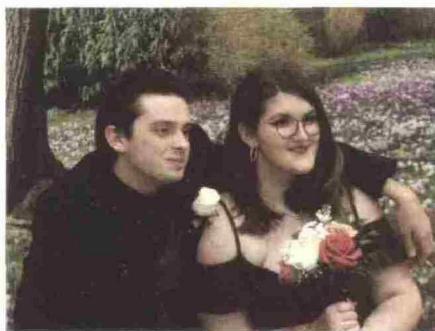
Asking Away

Nerves overcame anyone who anxiously wished to take a special someone to a school dance. The weeks that lead up to Prom resulted in a multitude of promposals during lunch, passing periods, sporting events, and study halls.

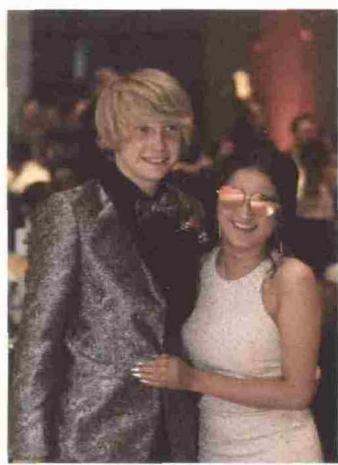
Using the hit song Old Town Road by Lil Nas X for a play on words, Gavin Houchin (10) asked Carley Ramirez (12) to her final high school dance in the commons area.



Taking advantage of the open dance floor, Tyler Allen (11) and Ariana Zabala (12) danced arm in arm to the beat of the music. **The noise around** Jasmyna Bauer (12) faded to silence as she slow danced with her date.



Accompanying her date at the Grand March, Bridget Kuemmeth (10) posed at the various picture stations with Matthew Lemerond (12).



Smiling for a picture at Halls of Saint George, Edward Jania (10) and William Denvit (9) posed in the infamous "I had to do it to 'em" position. **Showing off her** stylish frames, Ariana Salazar (10) posed with Dane Richardson (10). **Linked arm in arm**, D'Tonio Santiago (10) and his date Peyton Cline (12) posed with many of the props at Grand March.

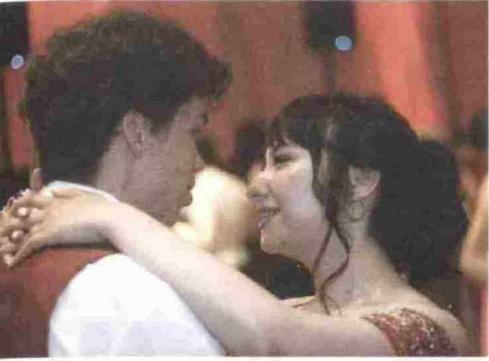
Prom for the Underclass

Engulfed in the music, Ariana Flores (12) and Marithe Thomas (12) met on the dance floor to have fun. **Arms formed the letter "M"** as Justin Bogner (11) and Dean Foundos (12) enthusiastically screamed the lyrics to YMCA. **Gathered around** her friends, Makiah Myles (12) fell in step with the beat of the music.



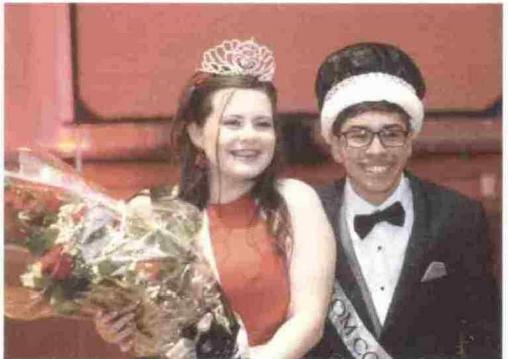
Enjoying the music, Valerie Brunt (12) and Skylar Clark (12) chatted happily on the dance floor. **Energetic dance moves** poured out of Eris Grubb (11) when dancing with her date. **In the chaos of** the center of the dance floor, Kayley Bickham (11) enjoyed every dancing moment.



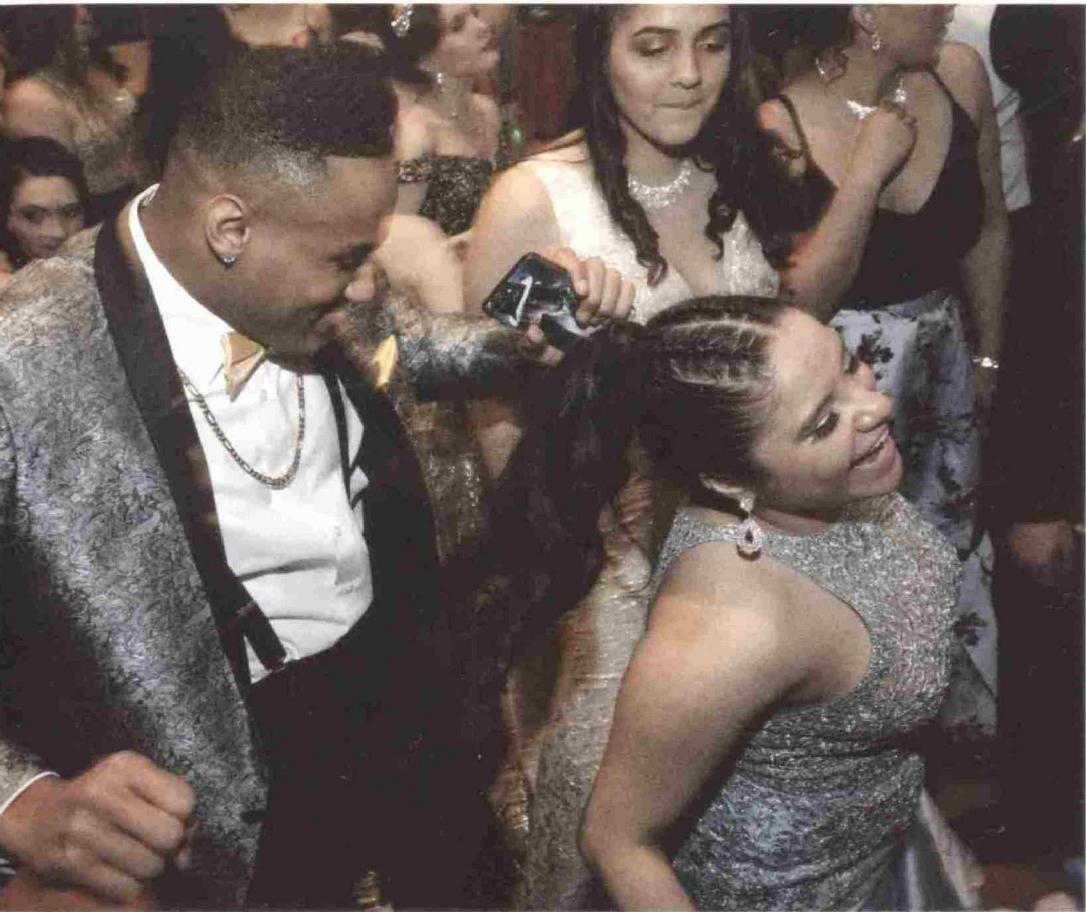


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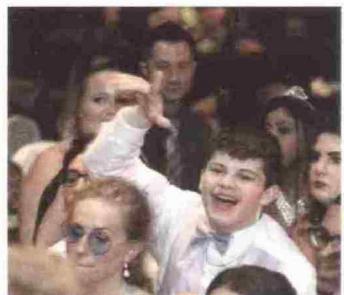
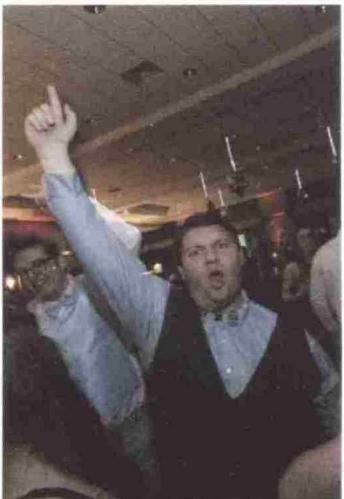
Taking The Crown



Anticipation built up inside Mateo Garcia (11) and Kayleigh Ferguson (11) before being announced as King and Queen. **All eyes** on the King and Queen, Garcia and Ferguson as they enjoyed their shining moment.



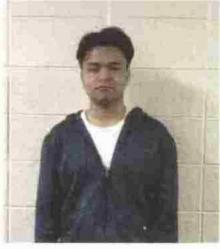
Hands in the AIR



Singing at the very top of his lungs, Hayden Greathouse (11) displayed his enjoyment of the song playing and of the dance itself through a face full of expression and a cheerful fist in the air. **With a look of amazement** and a hand held high, Zachary Benninghoff (12) cheered on his friend after his friend successfully completed a back flip in the middle of the dance floor.

How do you think the rehearsals and the play went overall?

Kaitlyn Tiemens (10) -
"I think rehearsals went really well. We started off with a new choreographer this year, it was a little nerve-racking and he did not go use the same schedule as we had planned, but it all turned out really well. There were a few rough rehearsals, as usual, because some people did not know how to listen, but they all started to come together. The performances were really well, and we had over 1,500 people come and see it."

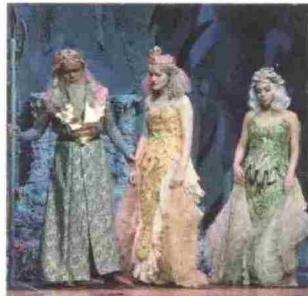


Christopher Amador (11) -
"Rehearsals were long, strenuous, a lot of work, a lot of choreography for the ensemble, individual cast members had to memorize various lines, Ariel had a ton of lines/songs. As for show, I think it went phenomenal. Personally, I had a little rough go, I was really sick. It was a long weekend for me. But other than that, it was a great show. We had like over 500 people per night, so, yeah, I do feel like we did really good."

The Casting Process

Lillian Lamberg (12) -
"I think it is fair because there are multiple people in the audition room, so there is no way that it could ever be biased. They are trying to get the best cast they possibly can. Its not as nerve-racking as the first time

you do it. I originally auditioned for Flounder, Ariel, ensemble, or really anything. Ariel has been my favorite Disney princesses since I was little. For Flounder, I really like his roles in the musical. It was really interesting that I was going to be shoved in a clown fish suit, but I was really happy to be part of the ensemble."



To gain the necessary effect for the plot Christopher Amador (11), Emelia Lopez (11), and Isabelle Hibbard (11) converse of Ariels antics. In preparation for the plays feast scene Hayden Greathouse puts on an extravagant display



Madison Cheeseman (12) -
What are your thoughts and feelings for this last show? "There was a lot of sadness, a lot of happiness, a lot of first and lasts. There was a really good mixture of everything going on."



Kennedy Vernengo (12) -
What is your favorite memory? "The feeling I got when I saw my name at the top of the cast list for her first show."
Her favorite song from this show is "She's in love".

HTC Presents Disney's Little Mermaid

Main Characters

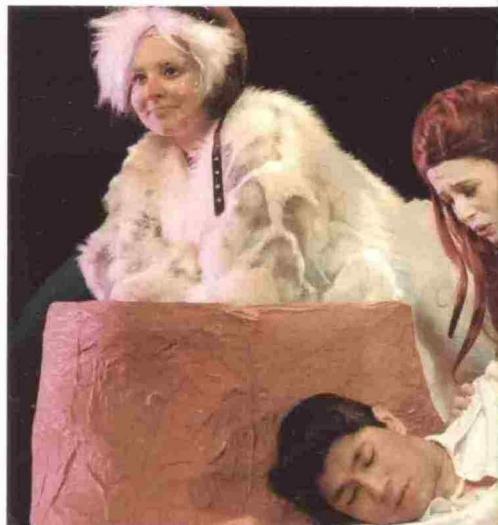
Ariel - Olivia Smith
Prince Eric - Nathaniel Taillon
Grimsby - Christian Moore
Flounder - Kaitlyn Tiemens
Scuttle - Paige Fanning
King Triton - Christopher Amador
Sebastian - Emily Michalak
Flotsam - Adrienne Valdez
Jetsom - Alexander Melby
Ursula - Kayleigh Ferguson
Chef Louis - Hayden Greathouse

Mermen

Wiltred Akanbi
Jack Banasiak - Winward
Ethan Bratcher
Ricardo Castillo - Leeward
William Denvit
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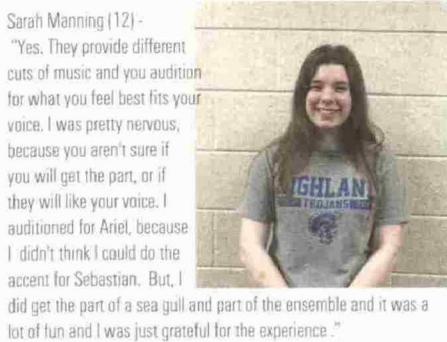
Mermaids

Emelia Lopez - Atina
Madison Cheeseman
Cristina Franco
Justin Harrington
Megan Herron - Arista
Isabelle Hibbard - Adella
Lillian Lamberg
Sarah Liden
Sarah Manning
Nevaeh Miranda
Jillian Parsley - Dancing Gull
Erin Petry - Andrina
Sophia Procida - Dancing Gull
Hannah Rebey - Aquata
Kennedy Vernengo - Allana
Yesmin Zitioui



What is your favorite song and scene from the musical?

Sarah Manning (12) -
"Yes. They provide different cuts of music and you audition for what you feel best fits your voice. I was pretty nervous, because you aren't sure if you will get the part, or if they will like your voice. I auditioned for Ariel, because I didn't think I could do the accent for Sebastian. But, I did get the part of a sea gull and part of the ensemble and it was a lot of fun and I was just grateful for the experience."



Kayleigh Ferguson (11)
Song: Poor Unfortunate Souls
Scene: Ursula's Death

Jillian Parsley (11)
Song: She's in Love
Scene: Under the Sea

Emelia Lopez (11)
Song: She's in Love
Scene: Under the Sea



To achieve the dramatic effect she was going for Kayleigh Ferguson (11), outstretches her arm belting her note to the audience. With eyes focused on Nathaniel Taillon (12) as he washes up on the stage, Olivia Smith (11) appears at his side with a look of worry. Right in step with the rest of the ensemble, Isabel Hibbard (11) and Kennedy Vernengo (12) elegantly flip their fins as Ricardo Castillo (12) and Jack Banasiack (10) deliver their lines. Scooping up the attention of the audience, Emily Michalak (12) and the ensemble took everyone "Under the Sea."



PRODUCTION and crew

"Theater is magic and magic is theater, and blessed are we who create that magic!"



Production Stage Manager: Rebecca Johnson

Assistant Stage Manager: Emma Cheeseman

Light Board Ops: Amanda Remley, Kayleigh Stouffer

Follow Spot Ops: John O'Connor, Elijah Means, Madison Langdon, Satyavsh Arya

Sound Crew: Megan Curran, Emma Cheeseman

Backstage / Run Crew: Madison Langdon, Maria Ignas

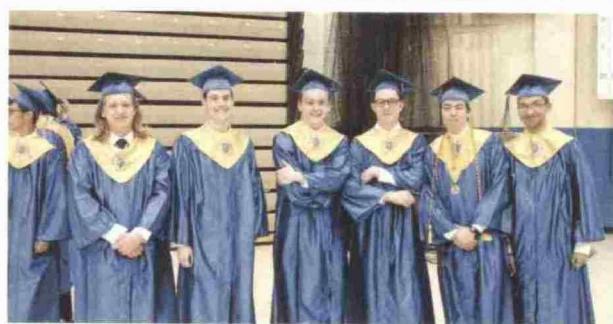
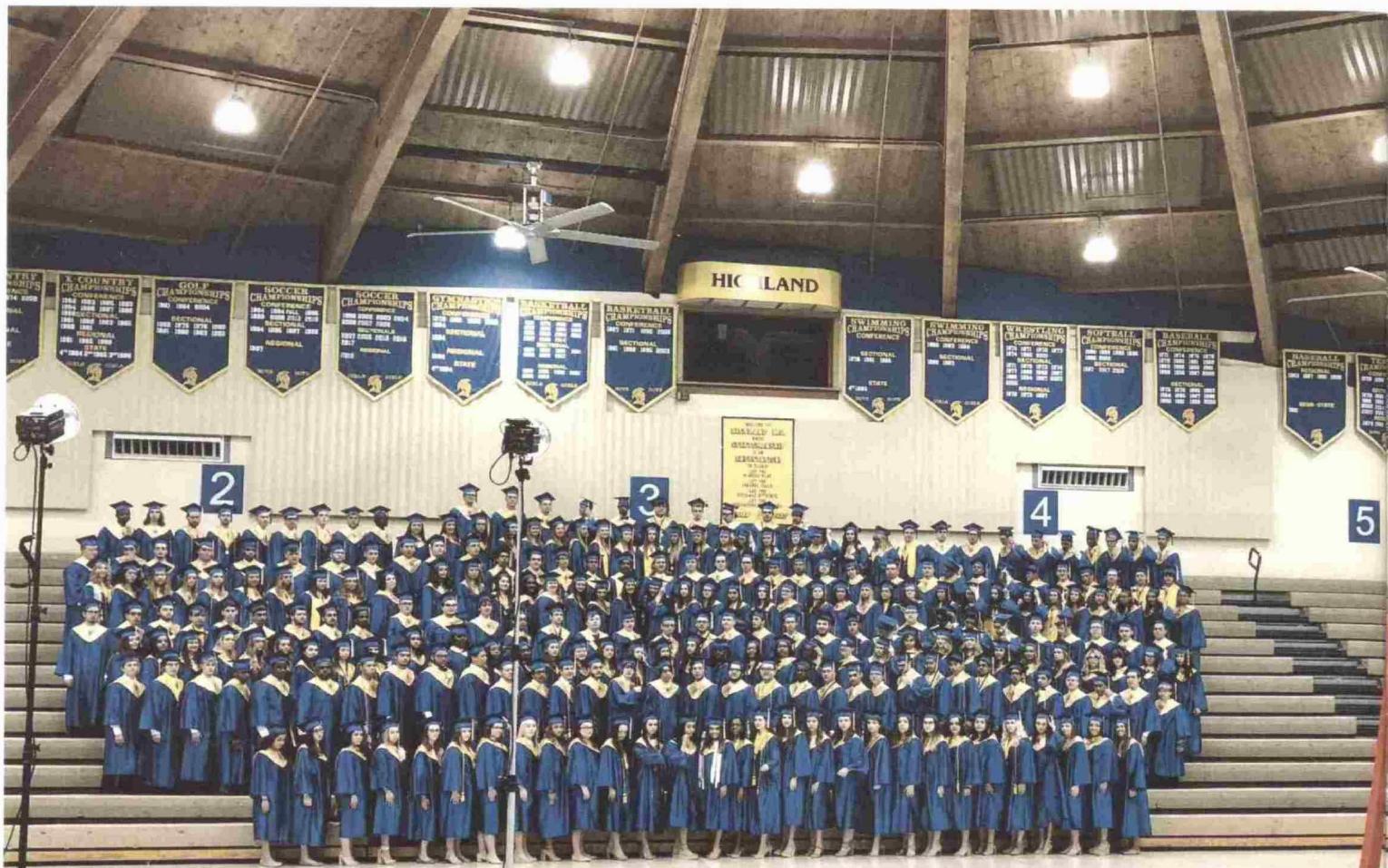
Fly Crew: Michael Stastny

Props Crew: Eris Grubb

Hair & Makeup: Angelina Baker, Arianna Dmytriw

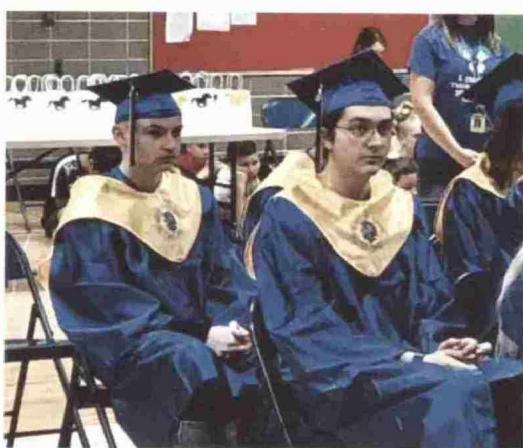
Costume Assistants: Taylor Wilson, Cassie Westfall

House Staff: Brittany Bowers, Julia Hart



FLASHBACK

Students returned to their elementary schools for a visit to see former teachers and the grounds that they once explored. Greeted by some familiar, and even new faces, their memories of their childhood were restored.

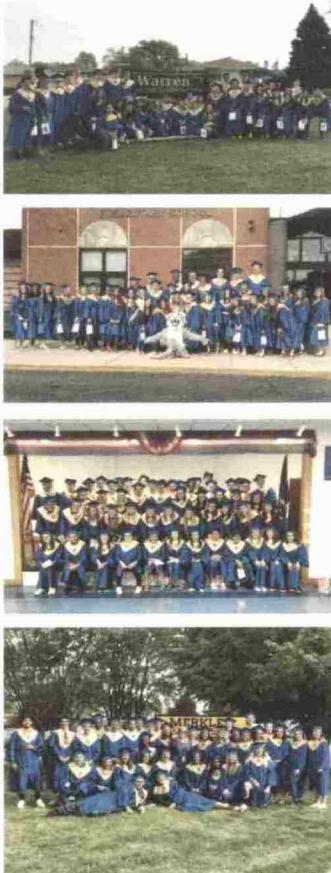




Helping the seniors with their class picture, the photographer and assistants for Royce Photography were present to navigate seniors into the stands. **With a few extra minutes** before the class photo, students discussed their plans for their day off after completing graduation rehearsal. Psyched for a day out of classes, these senior boys joked and laughed with friends.

ELEMENTARY

Visits were scheduled for seniors to walk the halls they once roamed.



Each of the elementary schools welcomed their visitors in their own way for the Senior Walks. Whether it was with poems, songs performed by kindergarten students or even gifts, students were excited to see teachers that made an impact on their beginning years in education. Merkley students were able to say their goodbyes to Mrs. Rose Alexander who retires with the Class of 2019. It was clear that the elementary years were special memories to never forget.

Flashbacks to your MEMORIES

May the Class of 2019 let the memories live in them forever.



Practicing their routine Joshua Krull (12) and Marcel Lopez (12) compete at a science olympiad tournament during their junior year.



Pumped up and using all of their strength these members of the class worked to win the tug of war at a pep rally their junior year.



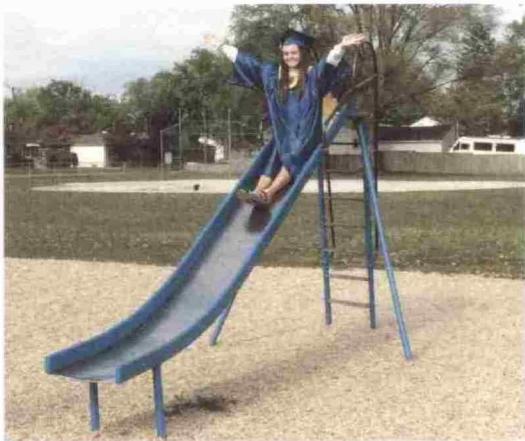
Trying to escape the typical Friday night lights, this group found themselves in the Kmart parking lot surrounded by friends.



Dressed up for freshman year homecoming dance this group smiled for the cameras focused on them.

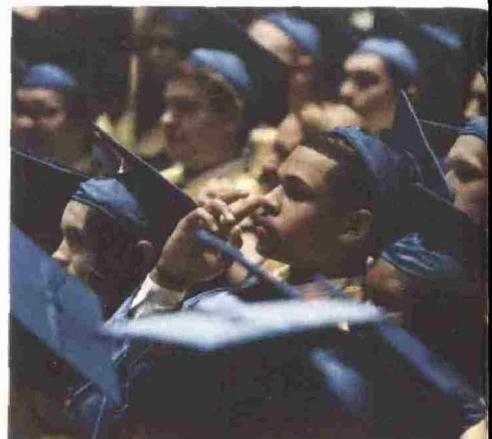


Amused with the turnout, this group of freshmen girls enjoyed a night at their first formal dance of their high school years together.



Upon learning that Mrs. Rose Alexander was going out at the same time as the Class of 2019 Justin Stewart (12) and Thomas Petersen (12) listened intently to her farewell. **Keeping up with** the class Mr. JJ Boylan returned to Warren to see Ethan Lewis (12) and classmates during their senior walk. Because she missed the days of recess, Mackenzie Pickens (12) enjoyed her trip down the slide on Johnston's playground. After having the class of 2019 as her first kindergarten class, Mrs. Katie Nefs welcomed Yesmin Zitioui (12) and other members of the class with open arms as they walked the halls of Southridge Elementary.

With flowers in hand, Hailey Schultz (12) and Emily Hecimovich (12) entered the auditorium to pomp and circumstance. **The joyous occasion** brought Angelynna Otto (12) and Mark DeLeon (12) vivid smiles on their faces as they walked to their seats arm in arm.



it's time to say **GOODBYE** and start a new life.

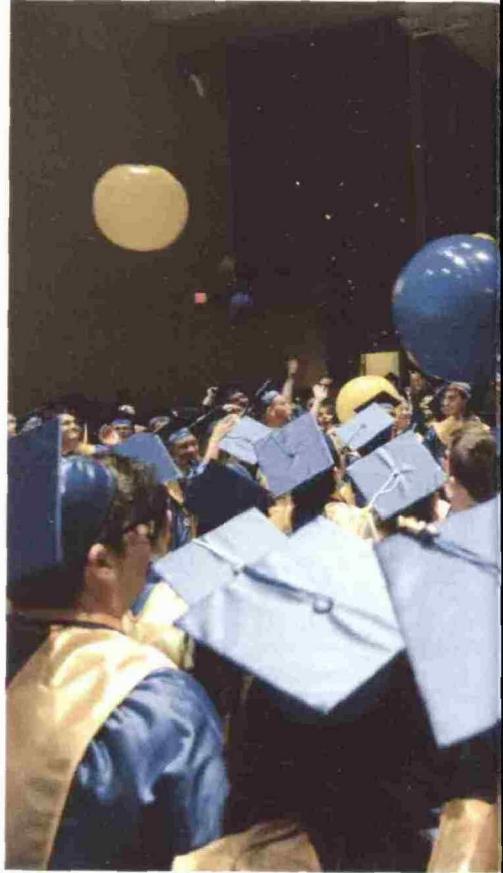
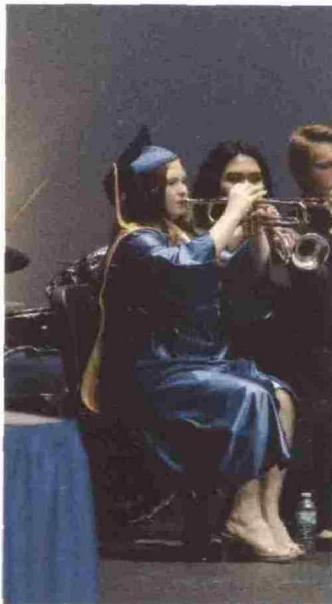
After a long ride together on the educational path, the Class of 2019 gathered together in Monbeck Auditorium as a whole for the last time. Friendships forged during the years from kindergarten through senior year may or may not change as time passes, but this resilient

group began it's move forward as individuals as the tassels were turned. "We have taken on every hurdle and obstacle in front of us,"

Kennedy Vernengo said in her speech. Dr. Patrick Weil added members "are well on the way to becoming

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productive and responsible citizens." Superintendent Mr. Brian Smith encouraged graduates in their next stage of life to collaborate, communicate, and give back to the community with quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King jr. and Nelson Mandela. While the ceremony came to a conclusion with confetti and beach balls, the class was doing something amazing. As Paige Hays said in her speech, "we're doing something better than beating Munster, we're graduating."

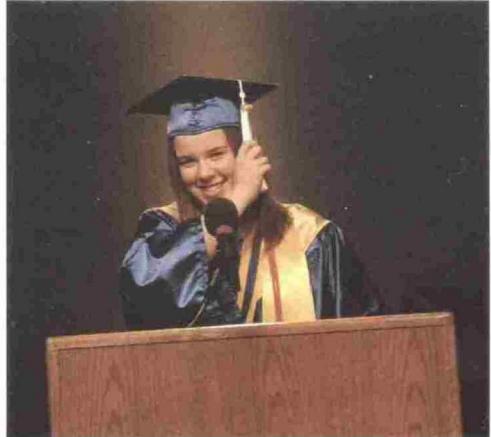


Greeted by School Board member, Mr. Patrick Krull, Tadziu Bebout (12) proudly accepted his high school diploma after passing his cap and gown photo displayed for the crowd to see.

After completing her course work a semester early, Samantha Colbert (12) returned to participate in the commencement ceremony with her cohort class, which allowed her to play her trumpet with the high school band under the direction of Mr. Brian Blocker once again.

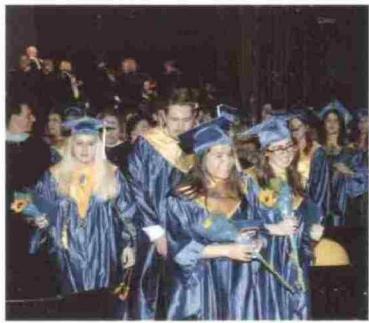
A NEW BEGINNING

A hopeful crowd watched the stage during their final moments together as a class, their next chapter only moments away. Whether it be college, military or work force, all are prepared for their new beginning.



the unknown world LIES AHEAD

With a smile on her face, Sarah Manning (12) spoke to her classmates one final time. **As the music played**, graduate Carlyn Stone (12) appeared through the doors and exited with a bright smile on her face.

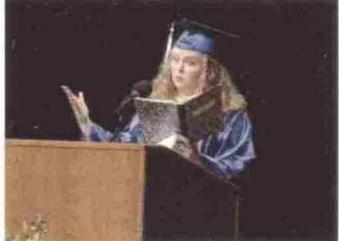


Showered in confetti, the newest graduates of Highland High School celebrated their transition from students to alumni. **Preparing to** throw their caps in the air, the graduates continued to celebrate graduation. **Ready to go into** their future, Ariana Flores (12) and Yasmine Puente (12) made their way out of the auditorium followed by classmates, friends and teachers.



Speaker Selection

With the removal of class rank this school year, administration auditioned numerous members of the class to speak at commencement. With the intent to allow two speakers the committee struggled to narrow their selection leaving the ceremony with four speakers. Kendra Antoskiewicz, Paige Hays, Ishaan Patel and Kennedy Vernengo were able to leave their parting words with their classmates.



Four Speakers

Rejoice the day to come
and the day to sing
for you are the ones

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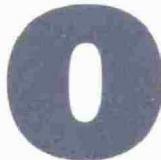


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